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SALEM WITCHCRAFT.

Sarab Vibber v. Jno. Willard.

june the 3. 1692.

ARAH Vibber aged 36 yeares or thearabouts testifie and saith the day before Jno Willard was examined at the uilleg I being in Lest Ingersols Chamber I saw ye aporition of john willard com to mary wolcot and mary luis and hurt them griuosly and almost choked Them Then I tould of it and emediatly ye said wiliard sel upon mee and tormented me greuesly and pinched me and threw me down. Sarah uibber ownid this har testimony before us the Jurrers for Inquest this 3 of June 1692.

Jurat in Curia.

Eliz Hubbard v. Ino Willard.

The deposition of Elizabeth Hubburdagged about 17 years who testifieth and saith that on the 11 Vol. 11.

May 1692 I saw the Apperishtion of John Willard of Salem Village who did Immediatly torment me and urged me to writ in his book: but on the 18th of May being the day of his examination John Willard did most greviously tortor me during the time of his examination for if he did but look upon me he would Immediatly strick me down or allmost choak me and allso during the time of his examination I saw the Apperishtion of John Willard goe from him and afflict the bodys of Mary Walcott mircy lewes Abigaill Williams and Ann putnam Jun.

Elizabeth Hubburt did one this testimony after the Reding of it before vs the Jurres for Inquest this 3 day of June: 92.

Eliz Booth. v. Ino Willard.

The Deposition of Eliz Booth agged about 18 yeares who testifieth and saith that severall times sence the later end of June 1692. I have been most greviously afflicted and tormented by John Willard or his Apperance by pinching pricking and almost choaking me to death. also I have often seen John Willard or his operance, most greviously tormenting and afflicting my Brother George Booth almost Redy to kill him.

Susannah Shelden also testsieth that within this fortnight she hath seen John Willard or his Appearance most greviously torment and afflict George Booth almost Redy to prese him to death.

Lydia Nichols Margaret Knight v. Ino Willard.

The deposition of Lydia Nicoles aged 46 yeares & of Margaret Knight aged 20 yeares, who testify and fay, That the wife of John Willard being at her fathers house when the said Willard lived at Groton she made a lamentable complaynt how cruelty her husband had beaten her; she thought herfelfe that she should neuer recouer of the blows he had given her, the next morninge he was got into a litle hole vnder the stayres and then she thought fome thinge extra ordinary had befallen him, then he ran out at the dore and ran vp a steep hill almost impossible for any man to run vp as she sayd then she tooke her mare and rid away, fearing some euil had been intended as against her and when she came to the house of Henery or Benjamin Willard she told how it was with her and the sayd Henery Willard or both went to looke after him and met him running in a strange distracted manner.

Sam" Wilkins v. Ino Willard.

The Deposition of Samuell Wilknes agged about 19 years who testifieth and saith that sence Jno Willard has been in prizson I have been afflicted in a strange kind of maner for about the later end of June or begining of July as I was a weaving the yarn broak exceeding fast and as I was a tying a thread I had a stroak on my hand like a knife the blood being almost Redy to come out and I was also pinched seueral times by an unseen hand also

Riding to Marble head Just as I came to forrist Riuer Bridge I was immediatly seized with a violent wait on my back and I faw a black hate and was immediatly pulled ofe my horse or mare and almost pulled into the Rivere but holding fast as last I gott vp againe awhile affter as I was once in the woods and agoing hom and a little boy with me I thought I must run and I said to the by let us Run and as foon as I ran there was a black hate ran along by me a while affter one morning about an hour by fun I was afflicted and I saw John Willard or his Appearance with a darke collored coot and a black hate very like that hate which I formerly faw: a little while affter this one night as soon as I was a bed John Willard whom I very well knew or his Appearance cam into the Room where I was a bed and another man and woman along with him which I did not know and they tould me they would carry me away before morning.

Jurat in Curia.

Thomas Bailey v. John Willard.

The deposition of Thomas Baly aged 36 yeares who testifieth and saith.

That I being at Groton some short tyme after John Willard as the report went, had beaten his wife I went to call him home and comeinge home with him in the night I heard such a hideous noyse of strange createres I was much affrighted for I never had heard the like noyse. I fearinge they might be some evil spirits I enquired of the said Willard what might it be that made such a hideous noyse the

fayd Willard fayd they ware Locust. the next day as I suppose the sayd Willards wife with a young childe and her mother being upon my mare ridinge betweene Groaton mil and Chemsford they being willing to goe on soote a litle desired me to ride: then I taking my mare being willing to let her seed a litle there as I remember I aprehend I heard the same noyse agayne where at my mare started and got from me

Jurat in Curia.

Eliz: Bailey v. Ino Willard.

The testimonie of Elizabeth Bayly aged twenty souen yeares ore there-abouts testifyeth and saith that John Willard lookeing his oxen met wth this deponent and told her that all the way from Francis Elliotts house to his owne home he veryly thought that the Deuell came before him or behind him all the way which dreadfully frighted him, the said Deponent asked him why he thought so he answered hee could not tell and emediatly sell a singing.

The marke of + Elizabeth Bayley Jurat in Curia.

Rebecca Wilkins v. Jno Willard.

The testomony of Rebeckah Wilkins aged ninteen years Doe testifie that 29th July at night shee se John Wilard setting in the Corner and hee said that hee wold afflict me that night and forthwith hee did afflick me and the nax day I ded se him afflick me soer by choaking and Polling one ear into Pea-

fes the nax day being the Lords day I being going to meeting I se John Willard and hee afflickted me uery soer.

Jurat in Curia.

Thos. Putnam & Edward Putnam v. Ino Willard.

The deposition of Thomas putnam agged 40 years and Edward Putnam agged 38 years who testifie and fay that we haueing been conuerfant with feueral of the afflicted parsons, as namly Mary Walcott mercy lewes Elizabeth hubbert abigail Williams and Ann Putnam Jun and we have feen them most greviously tormented by pinching and pricking · and being all most choaked to death most greviously complaining of John Willard for hurting them but on the 18th day of May 1692, being the day of his examination the aforesaid afflicted parsons were most greviously tormented dureing the time of his examination for if he did but cast his eies upon them they were strochen down or all most choak also severall times sence we have seen the Afforesaid afflicted parsons most greviously tormented as if their bones would have been disjoyned greviously complaining of John Willard for hurting them, and we veryly beleue that John willard the prizfoner at the bar has seuerall times tormented and afflicted the afforesaid parsons with acts of witchcraft.

> Thomas Putnam Edward putnam. Jurat in Curia.

Henry Wilkins jr. v. John Willard.

The deposition of Henery Wilknes sen aged 41 yeares, who testifieth and sayth that upon the third of May last, John Willard came to my house and very earnestly entreated me to go uith him to Bostton wch I at length consented to go with him. my son Daniel comeinge and understandinge I was goinge with him to Boston and seemed to be much troubled that I would go with the faid Willard and he fayd he thought it were wel if the fayd Willard were hanged weh made me admire for I never heard such an expression come from him to any one beinge finc he came to yeares of discretion, but after I was gone in a few days he was taken ficke and grew every day worse and worse whereupon we made aplication to a physitian who affirmed his sicknes was by some preter natural cause and would make no aplication of any phisicke Some tymes after this our neighbours coming to visit my son Mercy Lewis came with them and affirmed that the saw the apparition of John Willard afflicting him quickly after came An Putnam and the faw the fame apparition and then my eldest daughter was taken in a fad manner and the fayd An faw the fayd Willard afflicting her at Another tyme mercy lewes and mary Walcott came to visit him and they saw the fame apparition of Willard afflicting him and this not but a little tyme before his death. Sworne in Court.

Benjm. Wilkins & Tho. Flint v. John Willard.

The testimony of benjamin Wilkins aged about and Thomas fflint aged about 46 years testifieth that one ye 16 day of May last 1692, we being at the hous of henry Wilkins where we saw his son daniell Wilkins as we judged at ye point of death and marcy lues and Mary wolcot being with us Tould us That John Willard and goody buckly were upon his throat and upon his breast and pressed him and choked him and to our bes judgment he was pressed and choked time we faw him almost to death. and the said benjamin wilkins continued with him was about 3 hours after and he altered not manner condistation only grew wors and in the wors till he died.

Jurat in Curia by Ben Wilkins

Bray Wilkins v. John Willard.

The deposition of Bray Wilkins of Salem Village aged about eighty and one years with reference to John Willard of sd Salem lately charged with witchcraft, when he was at first complained of by the afflicted persons for afflicting of them he came to my house greatly troubled desiring me with some other neighbours to pray for him. I told him I was then going from home and could not stay, but if I could come home before night I should not be unwilling, but it was near night before I came home and so I did not answer his desire, but I heard no more of him upon that account whether

my not answering his desire did not offend him, I. cannot tell I was jealous afterward that it did A litthe after my wife & I went to Boston at the last Election when I was as well in health as in many yeares before & the Election day coming to my brother Left Richard Way's house at noon there were many friends to dine there, they were fat down at the Table Mr. Lawson and his wife & severall more John Willard came into the house with my fon Henry Wilkins before I sat down & sd Willard to my apprehension look'd after such a sort upon me as I never before discerned in any. I did but step into the next room & I was presently taken in a strange condition so that I could not dine nor eat any thing. I cannot express the misery I was in for my water was suddenly stopt & I had no benefit of nature but was like a man in a Rock and I told my wife immediatly that I was afraid that Willard had done me wrong my pain continuing and finding no relief my jealousie continued: Mr. Lawson and others there were all amazed & knew There was a woman acnot what to do for me. counted skilful came hoping to help me and after she had used means she asked me whether none of those evil persons had done me damage I said I could not fay they had but I was fore afraid they had the answered she did fear so too as near as I remember I lay in this case 3 or 4 dayes at Boston and afterwards with the jeopardy of my life (as I thought) I came home and then some of my friends coming to see me (and at this time John Willard was run away) one of the afflicted persons mercy Lewes

came in with them & they asked whether she saw any thing: she said yes, they are looking for John Willard but there he is upon his Grandfathers Belly (and at that time I was in grievous pain in the small of my Belly) I continued so in greevous pain and my water much stopt till sd Willard was in chains and then as near as I can guees I had confiderable ease, but on the other hand in the room of a stoppage I was vexed with a slowing of water so that it was hard to keep myself dry. On the 5 July last talking with some friends about John Willard fome pleading his innocenfy and myself and some others arguing the contrary, within about 1-4 of an hour after that I had faid it was not I nor my fon Benj Wilkins, but the testimony of the afflicted persons and the jury concerning the murder of my grandson: Dan: Wilkins, that would take auay his life if any thing did and within about 1-4 hour after this I was taken in the forest distress & misery my water being turned into real blood, or of a bloody colour and the old pain returned excessively as before which continued for about 24 hours together.

Philip Knight & Tho Nichols. v. John Willard.

The deposition of Philip knight aged 46 yeares and of Thomas Nicols 22 years who do testify and say, That Some tyme in April last there was discourse at the house of the sayd Philip knight about several of the village that were taken vp vpon suspition

of witchcraft., John Willard being present then replyed, hang them, they are all witches

Mercy Lewis v. John Willard.

The deposition of Mircy Lewes who testifieth and faith that I have often feen the Apperishtion of John Willard amongst the witches within this three weeks, but he did not doe me much hurt till the 11th of May 1692 and then he fell upon me most dreadfully and dis most greviously afflect me allmost Redy to kill me urging me most vehemently to writ in his book, and so he hath continued euer fince at times tortoring me most dreadfully beating and pinching me and allmost Redy to choak me threatning to kill if I would not writ in his book also I being carried to wills hill on the 14th of may at evening to see the afflicted parsons there. I saw there the Apperishtion of John Willard greviously afflicting his grandsfather wilknes and I also saw the apperishtion of John Willard there greviously afflecting the body of Daniell Wilknes who laid speachles and in a sad condition and John Willard tould me he would kill Daniell Wilknes within Two days if he could also I was at Henry Wilknes the 16 May a little before night and their I saw the apperishtion of John Willard a choaking Daniell Wilknes also on the 18th May being ing the day of his examination I was most greviously tortured by him dureing the time of his examination for if he did but look upon me he struck me down or almost choaked me to death and several times sence

the Apperishtion of John Willard has most greviously afflected me by beating pinching and allmost choaking me to death, also dureing the time of his examination I saw the Apperishtion of John Willard goe from him and afflict the bodyes of Mary Wolcott Abigail Williams Elizabeth Hubbard and Ann Putnam Jun¹

Benjm. Wilkins v. Ino Willard.

The testimony of benjamin Wilkens aged about 36 years saith That about ye 12 of May last Mary lues being at my fathers house tould us that she saw John wilard and goody buckly upon my father wilknes pressing his belly and my father complained of extreme paine in his bely at ye sametime, then John putnam struck at ye aperistions then marcy lues sell down and my father had ease emidiatly.

John Putnam v. John Willard.

John putnam testisieth to ye same above written.

Indictment v. Ann Pudeater.

Essex in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay Jn New England is

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Gulielmi & Mariee Anglice & c Quarto. Annogu Dom. 1692...

The Juriors for our Sou³ Lord and Lady the King and Queen Plent, That Ann Pudeator of Salem in the County of Essex, aforesaid widdow, The second day of July in the yeare aforesaid and diuers othere

days and times as well before as after certaine detestable arts called witchcraft & Sorceries Wickedly Mallitiously and felloniously hath used practised and exercifed At and within the Towneship of Salem aforesaid in & upon and against one Mary Warren of Salem aforesaid single woman by which said wicked arts the faid Mary Warren the second day of July aforesaid and divers other days and times both before and after was and is tortured Afflicted Pined Confumed wasted and tormented and also for fundry other acts of witchcraft by the faid Ann Pudeater Committed and done before and Since that time Agst the peace of or Soun Lord and Lady the King and Queen theire Crowne and Dignity and agst the forme of the statute in yt Case made and Provided.

Witnesses Mary Warren Jurat.
Sarah Churchel Jurat. Ann Putnam Jurat.

Warrant. v. Ann Pudeater.

To the Marshall of Essex or Constable in Salem.

You are in theire Majests names hereby required forthwith to apprehend and bring before vs Allic Parker the wife of John Parker of Salem and Ann Pudeater of Salem widdow who stand charged with sundry acts of witchcraft by them committed this day Contrary to ye Laws of our Soun Lord and Lady. ffaile not. Dated Salem May the 12th 1692.

Jvs. John Hathorne Affists.

May 12th 1692. I have apprehended the above

named persons and Brought them att ye place apointed by your honors

P mee George Herrick Marshall of Essex

Sarab Churchill Confession.

Sarah Churchwell confesseth that Goody pudeater brought the book to this examinat and she signed it but did not know her at that tyme, but when she faw her she knew her to be the same and that Goody Bishop als Oliver appeared to this Examinant and told her she had killed John Trasks child (whose child dyed about that tyme) and said Bishop als Oliver afflicted her as alsoe did old George Jacobs and before that time this Examint being afflicted could not doe her service as formerly and her fd Master Jacobs called her bitch witch and ill names and then afflicted her as above and that pudEater brought 3 Images like Mercy Lewis Ann Putnam Eliza Hubbard and they brought her thornes and she stuck them in the Images and told her the persons whose likeness they were would be afflicted and the other day faw Goody Oliver sate vpon her knee.

Jurat in Curia by Sarah Churchill.

this confession was taken before John Hathorne and Jonathan Corwin Esq15 1. Juni 1692. as attest.

Tho Newton.

Examination of Ann Pudeator.

An Pudeater examined before ye Majestrates of Salem July 2. 1692

Sarah Churchwell was bid to fay what she had to

fay of her.

You have charged her with bringing ye book to you.

A: Yes faid Churchwell.

have you seen her since. A: no.

Goodwife puddeater, you have former ly bin complayned of we now further enquire: here is one person saith you brought her ye book which is Sarah Churchell look on ye person ses. Churchill:

you did bring me ye book: I was at Goodman Jacobles.

Pudeater sd I never saw yewoman before now. it was told puddeater this mayd charged you with bringing her ye book at ye last examinat Puddeater sd I never saw ye Devils book, nor knew that he had one.

L' Jer Neal was asked what he could say of this woman. Neal set she had been an ill carriaged woman and since my wife has been sick of ye small pox this woman has come to my house pretending kindnes and I was glad to see it she asked whether she might use our morter which was used for my wife: and I consented to it, but I asterward repented of it: for ye nurs told me my wife was ye wors senc she was very ill of a flux which she had not before.

When the officer came for puddeater, ye nurs fd you

are come to late for my wife grew worse till she dyed: sd Pudeater had often threatened my wife.

Eliz Hubbard sd she had seen sdP udeater sd Mary Wolcot but she had not hurt her she had seen her with Goodwife nurs.

goody puddeater what did you do with ye ointments that you had in ye hous so many of them, she sid I never had ointment or oyl but meat tried out in my house since my husband dyed: but the constable Joseph Neal affirmed she had she had near 20 that had oyntment or greas in them, a little in a thing: she side she never had any ointment but neats foot oyl in ye hous, but what was in these things ye constables speakes os.

A. It was grease to make sope of. but why did you put them in so many things, when one would have held all but answered not to ye porpose, but the constable sd oyntments were of several sorts.

Sarah Vibber did you ever se this woman before now, answered no. An putnam sd she had never seen her, but since she come to Salem Town last: sd Putnam fell into a fitt and sd Puddeater was commanded to take her by ye wrist, and did and sd Putnam was well presently.

mary warin fell into two fitts quickly after one another and both times was helped by sd Puddeators taking her by ye wrist.

Summons to witnesses v. Ann Pudeator.

Wm & Mary by ye Grace of God of England, Scottland ffrance & Ireland King and Queen, defends &c.

To ye Sheriff of Essex or deputy.

L. S. Greeting.

Wee commond you to warn John Wesgate John Bullock, Martha Dutch Susanna Dutch Lt. Jeremiah Neale John Beckett John Best Jun Jno Loader, Sarah parott. that they and every of them appear at ye next Court of Oyer & Terminer holden at Salem on ye next Tuesday at twelve of ye clock there to Testify ye truth to ye best of theire knowledge on certain Indictments to be exhibited against Alice Parker and Ann Pudeater, hereof make return fail not

Dated in Salem Sept^r 5th 1692. in ye fourth year of our Reigne. Stephen Sewall cler

Sept 5th 1692. I have sumoned and have warned all the within named persons John Best Jun¹ Except 2^d Best being Removed to Ipswich that thay and every of them appeare to Giue in their Euid &c att time and place within written.

P me George Herrick dept Sheriff.

Sarab Churchill v. Ann Pudeater.

Sarah Churchel affirmed to ye Jury of inquest that Ann Puddeator has greatly afflicted her sd Churchel by choaking her pinching her and sticking pinse into her and by pressing of her and making her set her hands to ye book upon ye oath she hath taken Sept. 6th 1692.

Sworn in Court.

& brought poppits to her to stick pins to wch she did & ye Psons afflicted by it.

Mary Warren v. Ann Pudeator.

Mary Warin upon her oath yt she hath taken affirms to ye Jury of Inquest that Ann Puddeator hath often afflicted me by biting me, pinching me, sticking pins in me and choaking me and particularly on ye 2 day of July att her examination id Puddeator did afflict me greatly also she on her Apperishtion did offer me the book to fign to, she told me also yt she was ye cause of Ino Turners ffalling off ye cherry tree: to his great hurt and which amazed him in his head and almost kiled him. she told me also she was the caus of Jeremiah Neals wifes death and I saw her hurt Eliz Hubbard. Mary Walcott and An Putnam ye last night she afflicted me also last night by her witchcrast and I doe verily beleev id Ann Puddeater is a witch; she affirms Puddeator told her she kiled her husband Puddeator and his first wife and that she was an instrument of John Bests wifes death

Sept^r 7: 1692. Sworne in Court.

Eliz Hubbard v. Ann Pudeator.

Eliz Hubbard affirmed upon yeoath she hath taken that she hath seen Ann Pddeator afflict Mary War-

rin and that she or her Apperistion did hurt me and Mary Warin ye last night. before ye Jury of Inquest Sept^r 7. 1692. & that she hath afflicted her since she came into Court.

Jurat in Curia.

Ann Putnam v. Ann Pudeator.

An Putnam affirmed upon her oath, to ye Jury of Inquest that she hath seen Ann Puddeater afflict Mary Warin Mary Walcott and Eliz Hubbard often and particularly att ye time of her last examination before ye Ma Jestrates at Mr. Tho Beadles, she also hath afflicted me both then and at other times Septr 7. 1692.

Owned her Euidence in Court.

Sarab Vibber v. Ann Pudeator.

Sarah Vibber upon her oath affirmed to ye Jury of inquest that shee hath seen An Puddeator afflict Mary Warin Mary Walcot and An Putnam both at ye time of her examination at Mr. Tho Beadles and ye last night she together with Goodwise Parker did afflict ye fornamed Warin Walcot and Putnam; sid Puddeator hath afflicted me to, and i do believe she is a witch. Septr 7. 1692.

Mary Walcott v. Ann Pudeator.

Mary Walcot upon oath affirms to ye Jury of Inquest that she hath seen An Puddeator afflict Mary Warrin An Putnam and Eliz Hubbard at ye time

of her examination at Mr Tho Beadles: and also ye last night I saw her afflict Mary Warin An Putnam and Eliz Hubbard by witchcrast and I verily beleiv sd Puddeator is a witch September 7: 92. & that this day she hath afflicted this deponent.

Jurat in Curia.

Sept. 10. 92.

Attest. S. SEWALL.

I find by my characters: which I took: at ye Examination of An Puddeator, that it was in ye 2 day of July that she was examined at Mr. Tho. Beadles thay bearing date so.

Sept 7. 1692.

Simon Willard.

Samu Pickworth v. Ann Pudeater.

The testimony of Samuell Pickworth whow testifieth that a bowt six weeks agoo: I this deponant was coming along Salem Strete between Ann Pudeatres hous and Captin higison hous it being in the ewening and J this deponant saw a woman neare Captin higisonn corner., the which I supposed to be Ann Pudeatar and in a moment of time she pasid by me as swift as if a burd slwe by me and I saw said woman goo into Ann Pudeaters hows.

Jurat in Curia.

S. SEWALL cle.

Sam^{ll} Pickworth affirmeth y^t y^e above written euidence is y^e truth: upon oath to: y^e Jury of Inquest Sept^r. 7. 92.

Ann Putnam v. Ann Pudeater.

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Juquest that ann Pudeatar: tould har that she flu by a man in the neight into a hous

John Bert Sr. v. Ann Pudeater.

The Testimony of Jno Bert Senior aged about 48 yeres Testisieth & saith yt some yeers past yt I this deponant did often hear my wife saye yt Ann Pudeater would not Lett her alone vntill she had killd her By her often pinching & Bruseing of her Till her Earms & other parts of her Body Looked Black by Reson of her soer pinching of her in yt Time of her sickness of my wife did affirm agt itt woes an pudeater yt did afflict her & stood in yt Belese of itt as Long as she Lived.

Jurat in Curia.

Sept 7. th 92.

S. SEWALL cler.

Jno Best affirmed to ye truth of ye aboue written before ye Jury of Inquest. Sept 7; 1692.

Ino. Best v. Ann Pudeater.

The testimony of John best Jwnear how testisieth uppon his. oath before the grant Inquest, that his mother did seuerall tims in har sicknis complain of ann pudeater of Salem the wife of Jacob pudeater how she had bewitched har and that she did belieue she would kill hor before she had dun and soo she said seuerall tims duering hear sicknis vntill har death allso I this deponant did seuerall tims goo in to the woods to sech my fathers Cowes and I did driue

goode pudeaters cow bak from our Cowes and I being all alone ann pudeater would chide me when J came howm for turning the cow bak by Reson of which I this deponant did couclude said pudeater was a witch

Jurat in Curia.

Petition of Ann Pudeator.

The humble Petition of Ann Pudeater unto ye honoured Judge and Bench now Setting in Judicature in Salem humbly Sheweth.

That whereas your Poor and humble Petitioner being condemned to die, and knowing in my own conscience as I shall shortly answer it before ye Great God of heaven, who is the searcher and knower of all hearts: That the Euidence of Jno Best Senr and Ino Best Junr and Sam^u Pickworth w^{ch} was given in against me in Court were all of them altogether false and untrue, and besides the abouesaid Ino Best hath been formerly whipt, and likewise is recorded for A Lyar, I would humbly begg of yor honowrs to Take it into your Judicious and Pious consideration, That my life may not be taken away by fuch false Evidences and witnesses as these be likewise ye Euidence given in against me, by Sarah Church and Mary Warren I am altogether ignorant off and know nothing in ye least measure about it, nor nothing else concerning ye crime of witchcraft for wch I am condemned to die as will be known to men and angells, att the great day of Judgment, begging and imploring your prayers att the throne

of grace in my behalfe and your poor and humble petition^r shall for ever pray as she is bound in duty for you^r hon^{rs} health and happiness in this life and eternall felicity in y^e world to come.

Warrant v. Rebecca Jacobs.

To the Constable in Salem.

You are in theire Majests names hereby required to Apprehend and bring before vs, on Tusday next being the seauenteenth day of this Instant month of May aboute ten of ye clocki n the forenoon at ye house of Lt Nathaniell Ingersons, of Salem Village Daniell Andrews, of Salem Village Bricklayer George Jacobs Junt of Salem Village hus bandman and Rebecka Jacobs the wife of said George Jacobs and Sarah Buckley the wife of Wm Buckley of Salem Village Cordwayner And Mary Withridge the daughter of faid Buckley who all stand charged in behalfe of theire Majesties with high suspition of fundry acts of witchcrafts by them donne or committed on ye Bodys of Ann putnam Marcy Lewis Mary Walcot, and Abigail Williams and others of Salem Village (Lately) Whereby great hurt hath been donn them. And hereof you are not to faile.

Dated Salem May the 14th 1692.

JOHN HATHORNE JONATHAN CORWIN Affis.

In prosecution of this Warrant I have apprehended and brought the bodyes of Sarah Buckley and Mary withridg and Rebekah Jacobs all of Salem velage according to the tenor of the within written warrant, and haue likewise made delegant sarch at the house of Daniell Andrew and at the house of Georg Jacobs for them likewise but cannot find them.

P me Jonathan Putnam Constable in Salem.

Indictment v. Rebecca Jacobs.

Essex in the Prouince Anno R. R^s & Reginee Guof the Massachusetts (lielmi & Mariee Anglice &cc Bay in New England Quarto Annog 3 Domini 1692.

The Juriors for our Soue Lord and Lady the King and Queen doe Psent, That Rebeccah Jacobs the wife of George Jacobs of Salem Villadge in the County of Essex aforsd husbandman In the year aforesaid In Salem Villadge in the County of Essex aforesd Wickedly and felloniously a Couenant with the Euil Spiritt the Devill did make Contrary to the Peace of our Soue Lord and Lady the King and Queen theire Crowne and Dignity. And the forme in the Stattute in that Case made and Provided.

Eliz Hubbard v. Rebecca Jacobs.

The deposition of Eliz Hubbard who testisieth and saith that one the begining of May 1692. I was afflicted by Rebecah Jacobs the wife of George Jacobs, but on the 18th May 1692, being the day of hir examination I saw Rebekah Jacobs or hir apperance most greviously afflict Mary Walcott Abigail williams and Ann putnam tho when she began to confess she left of hurting of us but seueral

times senc that she has most greviously afflicted me and I beluee in my heart that Rebeckah Jacobs is a wich and that she has often afflected me and the aforesaid parsons by acts of wichcraft.

Eliz: Hubbard owned ye truth of ye aboue written evidence before ye Jury of Inques. Septr 10,

1692.

Warrant v. Roger Toothaker.

To the Marshall of Essex or his dept or Constables in Salem

You are in theire Majests names hereby required to apprehend forthwith and bring before vs, (Roger Toothaker of Bilrica who stands charged with sundry acts of witchcraft by him committed or donne on ye bodyes of Eliz Hubert, Ann Putnam Mary Walcot &c of Salem Village in order to his examination Relateing to ye premises. faile not

Dated Salem May 18th 1692.

John Hathorne Jonathan Corwin

J order of the Gover and Councill.

the person spicesied in this warrant was Apprehended this day and brought before the corte Acordinge to ye tennor of this warrant by mee

JOSEPH NEAL.

Constable Jn Salem May 18 1692.

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Mittimus v. Roger Toothaker.

To the Keeper of Theire Majests Goale in Boston.

You are in theire Majests names hereby required to take into your care and safe Custody the Bodys of Roger Toothaker of Bilrica John Willard of Salem Village, husbandman Thomas sfarrer of Lyn husbandman and Elizabeth Hart the wife of Isaac Hart of Lyn husbandman who all stand charged with Sundry acts of witchcraft, by them and Euery one of them Committed on the Bodys of Mary Walcot Abigail Williams Mary Lewis Ann Putnam and others of Salem Village or sarmes whom you are well to secure in order to theire tryall for the same and vntill they shall be deliuered by due order of Law and hereof you are not to saile.

Dated Salem May 18th 1692.

JOHN HATHORNE | by order of ye JONATHAN CORWIN | Gouern & Councill.

Tho Gage v. Roger Toothaker.

The Deposition of Thomas Gage Aged aboute thirty six years. This Deponant saith & doth testifie that sometime this Last spring of ye year, that Doctor Toothaker was in his house in Beuerly (vpon some occasion) & we discoursed aboute John Marstons Childe of Salem, that was then sich and haueing vnwonted sitts and Likewise another Childe of Phillip Whites of Beuerly who was then strangely sick. I perswaded sid Toothaker to goe and see sid

Children and sd Toothaker answered he had seen them both already and that his opinion was they were vnder an Evill hand And farther id Toothaker fd that his Daughter had Kild a witch and I asked him how she did it and sd toothaker answered readily that his daughter had Learned something from him J. asked by what means she did it and he sd that there was a a certaine person be witched and fd person complained of beeing afflicted by another person, that was suspected by ye afflicted person & further sd Toothaker sd that his sd Daughter gott fome of ye afflicted persons urine and put it into an Earthern pott and stopt sid pott uery close and putt fd pott into a hott oven and stopt vp fd oven and ye next morning sd childe was dead, other things I haue forgotten and farther saith nott.

ias Pickworth Aged aboute thirty foure years

testifieth to all that is aboue written.

Sworne by Thomas Gage. Salem Village May. 20th 1692

befor vs. John Hathorne Jonathan Corwin Affists.

Complaint of Mary Easty.

Salem May the 20th 1692.

There being complaint this day made before mee by John Putnam Jun^r and Benjamin Hutcheson both of Salem Village for themselfes and also for theire Neighbours in behalfe of theire Majesties against Marah Easty the wife of Isaac Esty of Topsfield for sundry acts of witchcraft by her Committed yesterday and this present day of the date hereof vpon the bodys of Ann putnam Marcy Lewis, Mary Walcot and Abigail Williams of Salem Village to ye urong and Jnjury of theire bodys therefore crave Justice.

John Putnam Jun.
Benjamin Hutchinson.

Warrant v. Mary Easty.

To the Marshall of the County of Essex or dept or Constables of Salem.

You are in theire Majests names hereby required to apprehend and forthwith bring before me at ye house of Mr. Thomas Beadles in Salem, the Body of Mary Easty the wife Isaac Easty of Topsfield to Be Examined Relating to sundry acts of witchcraft. by her committed yesterday and this present day according to Complaint abouesd. and hereof you are not to faile. Dated Salem May 20th 1692.

John Hathorne Assist

May 20th 1692. J order of ye Councill.

I have taken the body of the abouenamed Mary Estice and brought her at ye time and place abouenamed.

Pe me. Geo HERRICK Marshall of Essex.

Indictment v. Mary Easty No. 1.

Province of ye Massachu setts, Bay In New Englinee Gulielmiet Mariee land Essex s.

Anno Regni Regiset Regiset Reginee Gulielmiet Mariee nunc Anglice J. Quarto Annog Dom. 1692.

The Jure for our Sovereigne Lord and Lady the

King and Queen Prsents that Mary Easty wife of Isaack Easty of Topsfield husbandman—on the twenty third day of May in the fourth year of our Sovereigne Lord and Lady William and Mary by the Grace of God of England Scottland ffrance and Ireland King and Queen Defenders of the faith &c. and divers other Day and times as well before as after certaine Detestable arts called Witchcrafts and Sorceries wickedly and ffellonously hath vsed Practised and Exercised at and within the Towneship of Salem in the County of Essex aforesaid in Vpon and against one Marcy Lewis of Salem Village Singlewoman by which faid wicked Arts the faid Marcy Lewis the Twenty third day of May in the year abovesaid and Divers other Days and times as well before as after, was and is Tortured Afflicted Pined Consumed wasted and Tormented agt the Peace of our Sovereigne Lord & Lady the King and Queen and agt the forme of the Statute in that case made and Provided—

Witnesses

Marcy Lewis Jurat Eliz Hubbard Jurat.
Ann Putnam Jurat Mary Wolcott Jurat.

Indictment v. Mary Easty No. 2.

Province of the Massa- Anno Regni Regis et Rechusetts Bay in New ginee Gullielmiet Mariee England Essex, ss. nunc Anglice &c Quarto Annog Dom 1692.

The Juros for our Sovereigne Lord and Lady the King and Queen prents That: Mary Esty wife of

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Witneffes

Eliz: Hubbard Jurat Marcy Lewis Jurat.
Ann Putnam Jurat.

Geo: Herrick v. Mary Easty.

May 20th 1692. The testimone of Geo: Herrick aged thirty sour or thereaboutes and John Puttnam Junr of Salem Village agid thirty sive yeares or there aboutes testissieth and saith yt beeing att the house of ye aboue sd John Puttnams both saw Mercy Lewis in a very Dreadfull and Solemn Condition: So yt to our aprehention shee could not continue

long in this world without A mittigation of thoes Torments wee faw-her which Caufed us to Expediate A hasty dispatch to apprehend Mary Esstick in hopes if possable it might saue her Life and Returning ye same night to sd John Puttnams house aboute middnight wee found ye id Mercy Lewis in a Dreadffull fitt but her reason was then Returned Againe she said what have you brought me ye winding Sheet Goodwife Esstice, well I had rather goe into ye winding Sheet then Sett my hand to ye Book but affter that her fitts was weaker and weaker but still Complaining yt Shee was very fick of her Stomake aboute break of Day She fell a Sleep but still Continues Extream fick and was taken wth A Dread fitt Just as wee left her so yt wee perceaued life in her and that was all. Jurat in Curia.

Sepr 9th 92. Atest. Geo. Herrick. John putnam Jun.

Jonathan Putnam, James Darling, Benje Hutchinson & Sam. Braybrook v. Mary Easty.

The deposition of Jonathan Putman, James Darling, Benja Hutchinson & Sam: Braybrook wo testify and say that we together with divers others the 20: May. 1692. between eight and eleven oclock at night being with Mercy Lewes whom we found in a case as if death would have quickly followed, and to whom Eliz: Hubbard was brought (said Mercy being unable to Speak most of the day) to discover what she could see did afflict said Mercy, heard and observed that these two fell into sits by turns, the

one being well whilft the other was ill, and that each of them complained much of Mary Eastie, who brought the book to said Mercy severall times as we heard her say in her trances, and vexed and tortured them both by choking and seemingly breathless fits and other fits, threatning said Mercy with a winding sheet &, afterwards with a Coffin if said Mercy would not signe to her book, with abundance more of vexations the both received from her.

Examination of Mary Easty.

The Examination of Mary Eastie.

At a Court held at Salem village 22: Apr. 1692. By the Wop. John Hathorne & Jonathan Corwin.

At the bringing in of the accused severall fell into fits.

Doth this woman hurt you.

many mouths were stopt, and several other fits seized them

Abig: Williams said it was Goody Eastie, and she had hurt her, the like said Mary Walcot, & Ann Putman, John jackson said he saw her with Goody Hobbs.

What do you say, are you guilty? I can say before Christ Jesus, I am free. You see these accuse you. There is a God. Hath she brought the book to you? Their mouths were stopt.

What have you done to these children?

I know nothing.

How can you say you know nothing, when you see these tormented, and accuse you that you know nothing?

Would you have me accuse myself?

Yes if you be guilty.

How far have you complyed wth Satan whereby

he takes this advantage agt you?

Sir, J never complyed but prayed against him all my dayes, J have no complyance with Satan, in this. What would you have me do?

Confess if you be guilty.

J will say it, if it was my last time, J am clear of this sin.

Of what fin?

Of witchcraft.

Are you certain this is the woman?

Never a one could speak for fits.

By & by Ann Putman faid that was the woman, it was like her, and she told me her name.

It is marvailous to me that you should sometimes think they are bewitched, and sometimes not, when severall confess that they have been guilty of bewitching them.

well Sir would you have me confess that J never knew?

Her hands were clinchd together and then the hands of Mercy Lewis was clincht.

Look now you hands are open, her hands are open.

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Js this the woman?

They made fignes but could not speak, but Ann Putman afterwards Betty Hubbard cryed out Oh. Goody Easty, Goody Easty you are the woman, you are the woman

Put up her head, for while her head is bound the necks of these are broken.

What de you say to this?

Why God will know.

Nay God knows now.

I know he dos.

what did you think of the actions of others before your fifters came out, did you think it was Witchcraft?

I cannot tell.

Why do you not think it is Witchcrast?

Jt is an evil spirit, but wither it be witchcrast J do not know, Severall said she brought them the Book and then they sell into sits.

Salem Village March 24th 1691.

Mr Sam¹ parris being defired to take in wrighting the Examination of Mary Eastie hath deliuered itt as aforesaid.

Upon heareing the aforesaid, and seeing what we did then see, together with the Charge of the persons then present, Wee Committed sd Mary Eastie to theire Majes Goale.

John Hathorne
Jonathan Corwin Affists.

Sarah Vibber v. Mary Easty.

Sarah Viber: afirmed vpon her oath: that she saw Mary ye wise of Isaac Esty upon Jno Nortons bed; when so Norton was ill: and so goody Esty slew out upon her: and afflicted her: so Vibber: and so Vibber affirmed: that since ye time of the last examination of so Esty: so Esty has hurt and afflicted mercy Lewis: and mary walcot and Ann Putman: she or her Apperition: and she so Esty has some times hurt and afflicted her: so Vibber also since so, Esty her last examination: also: so Vibber so that so Esty or her apperition has Afflicted Elis. Hubbard: this so Vibber owned to be ye truth: before ye Jury of Inquest

Augst: 3: 1692.

Mary Warin v. Mary Easty.

Mary Warin affirmed before the Jury of Inquest: that Goodwise Esty of Topssield has afflicted her she or her Apperition: and that sid Esty hath as-flicted Marcy Lewis: Elizabeth Hubbard & Mary Walcot and Ann Putman: upon ye oath: yt she has taken. Augst 3: 1692.

Mary Walcott v. Mary Easty.

The Depoestion of Mary Walcott: who Testifieth and saith on the 20th of may 1692: about twelve of the clock: I saw the Apparition of gooddy Eastleck come and pinch and choake me: and terrified me much and she told me that she had blinded all our eyes, that ware afflicted only mersy Lewis for she said that she had not power amought to doe itt on that day she was cleared: on this 20th Instante of may: 92 about an hour by sun J went to m. John Putnams to see mersey Lewis: and their J saw the apparition of the aboue said gooddy Easteck: a choaking of mersy Lewis and pressing upon her breast with her hands and J saw hur put a chane aboute her neck and choaked her: and all the while J was their J saw her hurting of her greviously: and she told me that she would kill her this night if she could.

Sworne Salem Village May 23d 1692.

before vs John Hathorne Jonathan Corwin Affists.

mary Walcott ffurther testifieth yt on 23 may 1692. mary Estick did most greviously torment me during the time of hir examination also ye day J saw hir or hir Apperanc most greviously torment mercy lewes Eliz: Hubbrt and ann putnam and I veryly beleve in my hart that Mary Estick is a most dreadfull wisth and that she hath very often most dreadfully tormented me and persons aboue named by her acts of witchcraft.

Mary walcot declared before ye Jury of Inquest yt ye above written evidence and that on ye other side of this paper is ye truth, upon oath: Augst 4: 1692.

The Deposition of Abigaill williams Ann Putnam who testifieth and faith that we both goeing along with goodman Abby and Sarah Trask the 20th of may 1692, to the house of Constable Ino Putnam to fe Mercy lewes as we ware in the way we both saw the Apperishtion of Gooddy Estick the very fame woman that was fent whom the other day: and also the apperishtion of that woman that was with hir the other day: and the Apperishtion of Gooddy Estick tould us both that now she was afflecting of mrcy lewes because she would not clear hir as others did and wn came to nircy lewes who laye speachless and in a sad condition we saw there the Appenishtions of gooddy Estick and Ino willard and mary witheridge afflecting and choaking mercy lewes in a most dreadfull maner, which did most greviously affright us and immediately gooddy Estick did fall upon us and tortor us, allso Redy to choake us to death.

Abigail Williams and An putnam Testified to ye truth of ye abous Evedence.

Salem Village May the 23d. 1692.—
Before vs John Hathorne Jonathan Curwin Affists.

Ann putnam further testifieth on 23 may 1692. being the last day of the examination of Mary Estick she did most greviously torment me dureing the time of his examination also on the same day Islaw Mary Estick or his Apperance most greviously torment and afflect mary walcott, mercy lewes Eliz. Hubbard and abigail william and I veryly beleue

in my hart that mary Estick is a most dreadfull wich and that she hath very often afflected me and the persons affore named by hir acts of witchcraft.

Ann Putnam declared to ye Jury of Inquest yt ye her above written evidence: is ye truth upon her oath. Augst. 4: 1692.

Eliz. Hubbard v. Mary Easty.

The Deposition of Elizabeth Hubburt who testisseth and saith J being caryed vp to Constable Jno putnams house on the 20th of may 1692 to se Mircy lewes who laid speachless and in a sad condition J saw there the apperishtions of gooddy estick the very same woman that was sent whom the other day: and Jno willard and mary witherridge Afflecting and tortoring of Mircy lewes in a most dreadfull maner which did affright me most greviously and immediately gooddy Estick did sett upon me most dreadfully and tortoree me almost Ready to choak me to death and urged me vehemently to writ in his book.

Sworne Salem Village May the 23d: 1692.

Before vs. John Hathorne
Jonathan Corwin

Affists.

we whose names are under writen heaving been along with Elizabeth Huburd this time aboue mentioned herd hir declare what is aboue writen and we read it to hir when we came away and she said it was all true this 21 may 1692.

Thomas putnam John putnam Jun. Jurat in Curia Sept^m 9th 1692.

Eliz. Hubburd further testifieth that on the 23 may 1692, being the last day of the examination of mary Estick she did most greviously assect and torment mary walcott mercy lewes Abigail williams and ann putnam by twisting and allmost choaking them to death and I verily beleve in my heart that Mary estick is a most dreadfull witch and that she hath very often assected and tormented me and persons aboue named by hir acts of witchcraft.

Eliz. Hubbard declared ye two aboue written evidences: in this paper before ye Jury of Inquest to be ye truth upon oath: August 4. 1692.

Excuse of Mary Towne.

To the Honered Court now Setting in Salem

Right honered: the Constable of Topssfild hath sarved a warant on me and too of my dasters; to Apere this day at Salem I humby baig that your honer will not Impuet anything concerning our not coming as Contempt of athority for ware I myself or any of my samely sent for in any capasete of Coming we would com but we are in a straing condition and most of vs can scars, git of of our beds we are so wake and not abell to Reid at all: as for my daster Rebeka she hath straing sitts sometimes she is knoked downe of a sodin:

Mary Towne.

Date ye 7th of September 1692.



Summons of Mary Town.

W^m & Mary by y^e Grace of God of England Scotland strance & Ireland King & Queen defendⁿ of y^e faith.

L. S. To Mary Towne Widow and Rebecka

Towne her daughter.—Greeting:

Wee Comand you all Excuses Set apart to be and appear at ye Court of Oyer and Terminer holden at Salem to morrow morning at Eight of ye Clock precisely there to Testify ye truth to ye best of your knowledge on Seuer¹¹ Indictments Exhibited against Mary Easty hereof fail not at your vtmost perill

Dated in Salem Sepr 8th 1692 and in ye fourth

yeare of our Reign.

STEPHEN SEWALL cler

To ye Constable of Topsfield hereof make return fail not.

I have warned the Widow town and her dafter to apear at the corte acording to time spoken of in the warant as atested.

by me EPHRAIM WILDES constable of Topsfield

Thomas Ffosse & Elizabeth Ffosse for Mary Easty.

this may fartifie home it may cuncern that wee hows names are vnder Ritten Being dasired by some of the Realeations of mary estwcke to give our absarvations how



the behaued hurself while she Remained in Ipswech prison we dow afarme that wee sawe noe ell carreg or behaviour in hure but that hure daportment wosi Sobor and civell as witnes own hands this 5 Saptem. 92. thomas F[ffose]

elesebeth F [ffoffe

Samuel Abby v. Mary Easty.

The Deposition of Samuell Abby aged about 45 years who testifieth and saith that on the 20th of may 1692 I went to the house of constable Jno putnam about 9 a clock in the moring and when I came there: Mircy lewes lay on the bed in a sad condition and continueing speachless for about an hour: the man not being at whom: the woman defired me to goe to Tho: putnams to bring Ann putnam to se if she could se who it was that hurt Mircy lewes: accordingly J went: and found Abigail williams along with ann putnam and brought them both to se mercy lewes: and as they ware a goeing along the way both of them said that they faw the Apperishtion of Goody Estick and said it was the same woman that was sent whom the other day: and faid also that they saw the Apperishtion of the other woman that appered with gooddy estick the other day, and both of them allso said that the Apperishtion of gooddy Estick tould them that now the was afflecting of mircy lewes and when they came to Mircy lewes both of them faid that

they saw the Apperishtion of gooddy Estick and Jno willard and mary witheridge afflecting the body of mircy lewes: and J continueing along with mircy who contineued in a sad condition the greatest part of the day being in such tortors as no toungue can express; but not able to spake: but at last said Deare lord Received my soule and againe said lord let them not kill me quitt, but at last she came to hir self for a little whille and was very sensable and then she said that goody estick said she would kill hir before midnight because she did not cleare hir so as the Rest did, then againe presently she fell very bad and cried out pray for the salvation of my soule for they will kill me.

Jurat in Curia Sepr 9th '92.

Sarab Trask v. Mary Easty.

Sarah Trask aged about 19 years testissieth that she went along with Abigaill williams and Ann putnam and also hard them say what is aboue writen they said: and also hard mercy lewes declare what is aboue writen she said.

Edward Putnam v. Mary Easty.

the deposition of Edward Putnam aged abought 38 years he testifieth and saith abought 18 day of may 1692. mary easty the prisner now at the bar being then seat at liberty but one the 20 and 21 days of may marcy lues was so greuiously assisted and tortred by her (as she herself and mary walcott ann putnam Elizabeth hubbart abigel williams)

faid) I myself being ther present with several others with marcy lues looked for nothing else: but prefent death with marcy lues for all most the space of two days and a night she was choked allmost to death in so much we thought sumtimes she had banded her mouth and teath that and all this uery often untill shuch time as we under stood mary easty was laid in Irons, allso upon the second day of mary estys examination at the uilag marcy lues mary wallcott elizabeth hubbart ann putnam mary warin and abigell williams when mary easty came to the mar was choked in shuch a most greuious maner that the honred magestrats cold not proseed to her examination untell they defired mend haile to go to prayer and in prayer time and sumtime after it they remaned in this fad condition of being allmost choked to death and when they ware abul againe to speak they all with one Consent charged her that she did them that mischief. I all so haue hard sum of them Complain uery often of hur hurting them with the spindall of a wheel. Jurat in Curia. Edward Putnam.

Samuel Smith v. Mary Easty.

The deposition of Samuell Smith of Boxford aged about 25 yers who testifieth and saith that about fine years sence J was one night at the house of Isaac Estick sen of Topssield and J was as farr as I know to Rude in discorse and the aboue said Esticks wife said to me J would not have you be so rude in discorse for J might Rue it here after and as

J was agoeing whom that night about a quarter of a mille from the faid Esticks house by a stone wall J Received a little blow on my shoulder with I know not what and the stone wall rattled uery much which affrighted me my horse also was affrighted very much but I cannot give the reson of it.

Margaret Redington v. Mary Easty.

the depensation of margret Redengton aged about feuenty yees testifieth and saith that about three yers a gow J was at goodman Esties and tallking with his wife about an Jnfermety J hade and presently after J fell jnto a most sollom condition and the thresday before the thanksgiuing that wee hade last Jn the afternone J was exseding elle and that night godey Estiey apered to mee and profered me a pece of fresh mete and J tolld hare twas not sette for the doges and J woulld have non of ite and then she vanished awaye.

Petition of Mary Easty.

The humbl petition of mary Eastick unto his Excellencyes Sr Wm Phipps and to the honourd Judge and Bench now Stting Jn Judicature in Salem and the Reuerend ministers humbly sheweth.

That wheras your poor and humble Petition being condemned to die Doe humbly begg of you to take it in your Judicious and pious confiderations that your Poor and humble petitioner knowing my own Jnnocencye Blifed be the Lord for it and see-

ing plainly the wiles and subtility of my accusers by myselfe cannot but Judg charitably of others that are going ye same way of myselfe if the Lord stepps not mightily in i was confined a whole month upon the same account that I am condemed now for and then cleared by the afflicted persons as some of your honours know and in two dayes time I was cryed out upon by them and have been confined and now am condemned to die the Lord aboue knows my Innocencye then and likewise does now as att the great day will be known to men and Angells—I Petition to your honours not for my own life for J know I must die and my appointed time is sett but the Lord he knowes it is that if it be possible no more Innocent blood may be shed which undoubtidly cannot be Anoydd In the way and course you goe in J question not but your honours does to the uttmost of your Power in the discouery and Selecting of witchcraft and witches and would not by gulty of Innocent blood for the world but by my oun Innocencye I know you are in the wrong way the Lord in his infinite mercye direct you in this great work if it be his bleffed will that no more Innocent blood be shed I would humbly begg of you that your honors would be pleased to examine theis Aflicted Persons strictly and keep them apart fome time and Likewise to try some of these confefing wiches I being confident there is severall of them has belyed themselves and others as will appeare if not in this word I am fure in the world to come whither J am now agoing and J Question not

but youle see an alteration of thes things they say myselse and others haveing made a League with the Divel we cannot confesse J know and the Lord knows as uill shortly appeare they belye me and so J Question not but they doe others the Lord aboue who is the Searcher of all hearti knowes that as I shall answer it att the Tribunall seat that I know not the least thinge of witchcrast therefore J cannot J dare not belye my own soule J beg you honers not to deny this my humble petition from a poor dying Jnnocent person and J Question not but the Lord will give a blessing to yor endeuers.

To his Excellencye Sr Wm Phipps. Gouern and to the honoured Judge and Magistrates now setting in Judicature in Salem.

Petition of Mary Easty & Sarah Cloys.

The humble Request of Mary Esty and Sarah Cloys to the Honoured Court.

Hambly sheweth, that whereas we two Sisters Mary Esty and Sarah Cloys stand now before the Honoured court charged with the suspition of Witchcraft, our humble request is first that seing we are neither able to plead our owne cause, nor is councell alowed to those in our condicion, that you who are our Judges, would please to be of councell to us, to direct us wher in we may stand in neede, Secondly that wheras we are not conscious to ourselves of any guilt in the least degree of that crime, wherof we are now accused (in the presence of ye Living God we speake it, before whose awfull Tri-

bunall we know we shall ere Long appeare) nor of any other scandlouse evill, or miscaryage inconsistant with Christianity, Those who have had ye longest and best knowledge of vs, being persons of good report, may be suffered to Testifie upon oath what they know concerning each of vs, viz Mr. Capen the pastour and those of ye Towne and Church of Topsfield, who are ready to say something which we hope may be looked upon, as very confiderable in this matter: with the seven children of one of us, viz Mary Esty, and it may be produced of like nature in reference to the wife of Peter Cloys, her fifter, Thirdly that the Testimony of witches, or fuch, as are afflicted, as is supposed, by witches may not be improved to condemn us, without other Legal evidence concurring, we hope the honoured Court and Jury will be soe tender of the lives of such as we are who have for many yeares lived under the vnblemished reputation of Christianity as not to condemne them without a fayre and equal hearing of what may be fayd for us, as well as against us, And your poore supplyants shall be bound always to pray &c.

Complaint v. Sarab Proctor.

Salem May the 21st 1691. Thomas putnam and John Putnam of Salem Village yeomen made Complaint (before vs) on behalfe of theire Majes^{ts} against Basset ye wife of Basset of Lyn husbandman and Roote of Beverly widow, and Sarah proctor of Salem sfarms dauster of John procter of

fayd place for Sundry acts of Witchcraft by them doune and Committed on the Bodys of Mary Walcot Abigail Williams, Marcy Lewis, ann putnam and others Lately whereby great hurt and Jnjury hath benne donne them therefore Craves Justice.

Thomas putnam John putnam Jun.

This Complt was Exhibited Salem 21st may 1692.

Before vs. John Hathorne Jonathan Corwin

J ordr of ye Govern and Councill.

Eliza Booth v. Sarab Procter.

May. 20th: 1692. Elizabeth Booth aged 18 years or thereabouths Testissieth and Saith. That Sarah Procter apeared vnto her and brought her a Book and bid her sett her hand to it, this Deponent told her that she would not, ever sence this Deponent hath been greviously afflicted by her ye said Procter, and John Procter and his wife hath Pincht and Pricked this Deponent Likewise severall times: and still continues to do so: day

Elize Booth v. Sarah Procter & Mary Derish.

May ye 23. 1692. Elizabeth Booth aged 18 years or thereaboutes deposeth and saith. That Sarah Procter and Mary Derish the wife of Michell Derish apeared to this deponent in the night and called her Jade, Mary Derish asked her what made her say any thing about Sarah Procter, said it was

well she did not come to the Village that Day: and with all afflicted, and Pinched her, this Deponent most greviously and so Continues to afflict her this Deponet still, and John Procter and his wife Likewise whos name is Elizabeth Procter:

Mary Walcott v. Sarah Procter.

The Depoestion of mary Walcott who testifieth and saith on the 20th omay 1692. saw the apparition of Sarah Procter: come and choake me and pincht me and terrified me much and urged me greuiously to write in her book: but J told her I would not touch it and then she tormented me dreadfully.

Sworne Salem Village May 23^d, 1692.

before vs. John Hathorne
Jonathan Corwin

Affifts.

Susanah Sheldon v. Sarah Procter.

The complaint of Susanah Shelden of Mr andras and Sarah Procter 20 of this may they both a slicted me the next day Sarah Procter brought the book to me and Sarah Procter and andres and irog yato so they mad me def and dumb and blind al nigh and the next day teh 10 of clock then cam inges and brought his book and drod his knife and said if I would not touch it he would cut my throt, then thar A pered to me a ded man he told me his name was Joseph rabson then he looked upon ingles and told him that he murdered him and drounded him in the se thar was a nother man in the boot Along

with me and the boot tosed vp and doun and turend ouer and my hand es ware clunched that J could not lay hold, the other man layd hold and was saued then he told me that J must tell muster hatheren and told me that J should not rest tel J had told it then inglish told me that if J did he would cut my leges of then ther a pered to me a shinging and told me J should tell of it to morah then inglesh told me that he would go kill the gouernor if he could he would go try he was the gretes innemy he had then he sayd that he would kil 10 solck in boston before next six day if he was not tacken up the greter weemen a slict me still not.

David Ferneax & Jon Walcott jr. v. Sarab Procter.

The Deposition of David Furneax Aged 23 or their abouts and Jonathan Walcott Junior aged 21: who testifieth and saith yt on the 20th of may 1692. about 12 of the clock we hearde mary Walcott in one of her sitts say that she saw the apparition of Sarah Procttor come and hurte her by choaking and pinching of her we both also heard her say that she brought the book to her and urged her to write in her book we ware then both presante and heard her say J would not write in your book though you kill me.

David Furneax
Jonathan Walcott Junior.

John Putnam jr. v. Sarah Procter.

John putnam Juner testifieth that very latly he hath hard Elizabeth Huburd complaine of Sarah procter that she hath tortored hir very much and urgeth her vehemently to writ in hir book.

Thomas Putnam v. Sarah Procter.

The Deposition of Thomas putnam who testifieth and saith that within these few days I have hard Elizabeth Hubbard and Ann putnam Two of the afflected persons greviously complaine of Sarah procter that she did tortor them very much and urged them vehemently to writ in hir book.

Warrant v. Susannab Roots.

Salem May 21—1692.

To ye Constables of Beuerly.

Whereas, Complaint hath been this day made before us by Sergent Thomas Puttnam and John Puttnam both of Salem village yeomen against Susannah Roots of Beuerly widdow for Sundry acts of witchcrafft by her committed on the bodys of Mary wallcott Abigal williams Marcy Leuis Ann Puttnam and others. You are therefore in their Majesties names hereby Required to apprehend and forthuith bring before us Susannah Roots of Beuerly widdow who stands charged with Committing Sundry acts of witchcraft, as abou set to the wrong and Jnjury of the bodys of the abouenamed persons, in order to

her Examination Relating to ye abous premises faile not. Dated Salem, May the 21st 1692.

JOHN HATHORNE
JONATHAN CORWIN

To the Marshall of Essex or his Deputy. pr order of ye Gouerner & Councell.

vera Copia attest

GEO. HERRICK Marshall of Essex,

May 21. 1692. J doe apoint m^r Jonathan Biles to bee my Lawsfull Deputy to serve this warrant.

GEO. HERRICK Marshall of Essex,

I have presented the within written warant and have aprehended the person of the within mentioned Susanah Roots and Brought her before authority.

By me

JONATHAN BILES
Cunftible of Beuerly.

Andrew Elliott v. Susannab Roots.

An "information if it might be any help in the examination of ye person before you goode Roots, J being in ye house of mr Lauvonco Dennis some time since she was suspected for what she is now before you and there was Likewise Leonard Austen of our Town of Beuerly sid Austen then sid that he thought she was a bad woman, his reason was that he Living in ye house with sid Roots not Long Since and when he went to prayer at any time with his wife and thought sid Roots would accompany them in sid Duty but did not at any time but would with-

draw and absent herselse and farther when my self and wife were gone to bed and she vnto her bed she would rise in ye night and we could hear her talk in ye roome below J lying in ye Chamber over self roome a if there were 5 or six persons with her more sid Austen might speak is called therevnto as far as know more concerning Roots.

Andrew Eliott.

the mark of Thomas C Rayment

Complaint v. Benja Procter.

L' Nathanell Ingersall and Thomas Rayment both of Salem village yeoman Complained on behalfe of theirs Majes against Benjamin procter the son of John Procter of Salem sfarmes, and Mary Derich ye wife of Michall Derich and dauster of William Basset of Lyn and pease the wife of Robert pease of Salem weaver for Sundry acts of Witchcrast by them Committed on ye bodys of mary Warren Abigaile Williams and Eliz. Hubbard &c of Salem Village, whereby great hurt is donne them therefore Craues Justice.

Salem May 23d 1692. Nathannil Jngersoll

Warrant v. Benje Procter & als.

To the Marshall of Essex or dept or Constables in Salem.

You are in theire Majests names hereby required to apprehend and forthwith bring before us Benjamin procter the fon of John Procter of Salem farmes and Mary Derich the wife of mic¹ Derich

of Salem ffarmes husbandman, and Sarah pease the wife of Robert pease of Salem Weaver who all stand charged of haueing Committed Sundry acts of Witchcraft on the Bodys of Mary Warren Abigail Williams and Eliz. Hubbert of Salem Village whereby great hurt is donne them Jn order to theire examination Relating the abouesaid premises and hereof you are not to faile. Dated Salem May the 23^d 1692.

John Hathorne, Jonathan Corwin.

J order of ye Gour & Councill

I doe apoint m^r John Putnam to bee my lawffull Deputy to serue this warrant

pr Geo Herrick Marshall of Esx.

I have sessed the body of Beniemin prokter and have brought him to the place win expressed.

by me, John Putnam marshell Debety.

Complaint v. Martha Carrier.

Salem May the 28th 1692. Joseph Houlton and John Wallcot both of Salem village yeoman made Complaint in behalfe of theire Majests against Carrier of Andover the wife of Thomas Carrier of startestown Reed of Marblehead the wife of Samull Reed of startestown Rice of Reding the wife of Nicholas Rice of startestown How the wife of James How of Topssield Capt. John Alden of Boston mariner, William procter of Salem startes.

Capt. John fflood of Rumney marsh mariner, Mary Toothaker, the wife of Roger toothaker of Belrica and Toothaker the dauster of states Roger Toothaker Abbott yt liues between Jps Topsfield & wenham ffor sundry acts of Witchcrast by them and every one of them Committed on the bodys of Mary Walcot, Abigail Williams Marcy Lewis Ann putnam and others belonging to Salem Village or farmes Lately to the hurt and Jnjury of theire bodys therefore Craues Justice.

Joseph houlton John Walcott.

Warrant v. Martha Carrier.

To the Marshall of Essex or his depr or to the Constables of Andover

You are in theire Majests names hereby required to apprehend and forthwith secure, and bring before us martha Carrier the wife of Thomas Carrier of Andover on Tuesday next being the 31st day of this Justant month of Maye about ten of the clock in the forenoon or as soon as may be afterwards at the house of Lt Nathaniell Jugersalls in Salem Village who stands charged with haueing Committed Sundry acts of Witchcraft on the Bodys of Mary Walcot and abigail Williams of Salem Village to theire great hurt and injury in order to her Examnation Relating to ye premises aboutsaid faile not.

Dated Salem May 28th 1692.

J vs. John Hathorne | Affists.

J have apprehended the win named parson and brought her to the place appointed.

by me John Ballard. const and ouer.

Examination of Martha Carrier.

The Examination of Martha Carrier 31 May. 1692.

Abigail Williams wo hurts you?

Goody carrier of Andover.

Eliz. Hubbard who hurts you?

Goody carrier

Susan Shelden who hurts you?

Goody carrier, she bites me pinches me, and tells me she would cut my throat if I did not signe her book.

Mary Walcot faid she afflicted her and brought the book to her.

What do you say to this you are charged with? I have not done it.

Sus: Sheldon cried she looks upon the black

Ann Putman complained of a pin tuck in her.

What black man is that?

I know none.

Ann Putman testifyed there was.

Mary Warrin cryed out she was prickt

What black man did you fee?

J saw no black man but your own presence.

Can you look upon these and not knock them down?

They will diffemble if I look upon them.

You see you look upon them and they fall down. It is false the Devil is a liar.

J lookt upon none fince I came into the room but.

Susan Sheldon cryed out in a Trance J wonder what could you murder 13 persons?

Mary Walcot testifyed the same that there lay 13 Ghosts. All the afflicted fell into most intollerable out cries and agonies.

Eliz Hubbard and Ann Putman testifyed the

same that she had killed 13. at Andover.

Jt is a shamefull thing that you should mind these folks that are out of their wits.

Do not you see them?

Jf J do speak you will not believe me?

You do see them said the accusers.

You lye, I am wronged.

There is the black man wispering in her ear said many of the afflicted.

Mercy Lewes in a violent fit, was well upon the

examinants grasping her arm.

The Tortures of the afflicted was so great that there was no enduring of it, so that she was ordered away and to be bound hand and foot with all expedition the afflicted in the meanwhile almost killed to the great trouble of all spectators Magistrates and others.

Note. As foon as she was well bound they all had strange and sodain ease. Mary Walcot told the Magistrates that this woman told her she had been a witch this 40 yeares.

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Indictment v. Martha Carier.

Anno Regis et Reginee Willm et Maria nune

Anglia &c. Quarto:

Effex is. The Jurors of our Sovereigne Lord and Lady the King and Queen prsents That Martha Carier wife of Thomas Carier of Andover in ye county of Essex husbandman the 31 day of May in the forth year of the Reigne of our Sovereigne Lord and Lady William and Mary by the Grace of God of England, Scottland ffrance and Ireland King and Queen, defenders of the faith &. c. And divers other Dayes and Times as well before as after, certaine detestable Arts called Witchcraft and Soceries, Wickedly and ffelloniously hath vsed Practifed and Exercised at and within the Towneship of Salem in the County of Essex aforesd in, and Upon and agt one Elizabeth Hubbard of Salem in ye County of Essex aforesd by which said Wicked Arts the said Elizabeth hubbard the thirty first day of May in the fforth year aboueld and Divers other Dayes, and times, as well before as after was and is Tortured Afflicted Pined Consumed Wasted and Tormented agt the Peace of our Sovereigne Lord and Lady the King and Queen: and agt the fforme of the Statute in that case made and Provided.

Witnesses.

c,

Elizabeth Hubbard Jurat. Ann Putnam Mary Walcutt Jurat. Mary Warren Jurat.

Summons to witnesses v. Martha Carrier.

W^m & Mary by ye Grace of God of England Scotland ffrance & Ireland King and Queen defendrs of ye faith &c²

L. S. To ye Constable or Constables of Ando-

ver Greeting.

Wee Comand you to Warn and give Notice vnto Allen Toothaker Ralph ffarnum Jun^r John ffarnum son of Ralph farnum sen^r Benjamin Abbot and his wife Andrew ffoster Phebe Chandler daughter of W^m Chandler: Sam^l Holt Sen^r Samuel Preston Jun^r that they and Euery of them be and personally appear at ye Court of Oyer and Termina to be hed by adjournment on Tuesday next at Ten of ye clack in ye Morning there to testifye ye truth to ye best of their knowledge on certain Judictment to be Exhibited against Martha Carrier of Andover hereof fail not at your vtmost perill and make return of your doings herein.

Dated in Salem July 30th 1692.

STEPHEN SEWALL Cler.

Jn obedence to this writ J haue timely warned the persons hose names are herein written and euery one of them this 1 day of August 1692.

By me John Bailay constable of Andover.

Benja Abbott v. Martha Carier.

The testymony of Beniamin Abbutt aged about 31 years Saith: last march was twelfe months, then

haueing some land granted to me by the Towne of Andover near to goodman Carriers his land, and when this land came to be laid out goodwiffe Carrier was very Angery, and faid she would stick as Closs to Benjamin Abbut as the bark Stooke. to the Tree and that I should Repent of it afore feuen yeares Came to an End and that docter prefcott could neuer cure me: These words were heard by Allin Toothaker she also said to Ralph farnam Jun' that she would hold my noss so Close to the grindstone as Ever it was held Since my name was Beniamin Abbut presently after J was taken with a Swelling in my ffoot and then was taken with a payne in my fide Exksedingly Tormented, wich bred to a fore, which was lancit by docter prescott and Seuerall gallons of Corruption did run out as was Judged and so Continued about six weeks very bad, and then one other fore did breed in my grine wich was lancit by doct. prescott also and Continued very bad awhile and then another fore breed in my grine which was also cutt and putt me to very great missery, So that it brough me almost to Deaths doore, & Continued, untill goodwiffe Carrier was Taken and Carried a waye by the Constable, and that very day J began to grow better, my foers grew well and J grew better Every day and so have been well ever since and have great cause to think that the fd Carrier had a great hand in my fickness and misery.

beniamin Abbut.

Jurat in Curia Augt 3d 1692.

Attest STEP. SEWALL Cler.

Sarah Abbott v. Martha Carrier.

The deposition of Sarah Abbott aged about 32 years testifieth that fince my husband had a parcell of land granted by ye Towne, lying near ye land of Thomas Carrier, (which as I have heard) his wife martha Carrier was greatly troubled att and gaue out threatning words that my husband Benjamin Abbott has not been only afflicted in his body, as he testifies, but also that strange and unusuall things has happened to his Cattle, for some have died suddenly and strangely, which we could not tell any naturall reason for, and one Cowe Cleaned a fourthnight before the Calved but ye Cowe died afterwards strangely though she calved well soe far as we could perceive, and some of ye Cattle would come out of ye woods wth their tongues hanging out of their mouths in a strange and affrighting manner, and many fuch things, which we can give noe account of ye reason of, unless it should be ye effects, of martha Carrier threatings.

Jurat in Curia. Sarah + Abbott Augt 3d 1692. attest. Steph. Sewall Cler.

John Roger v. Martha Carrier.

The deposition of John Rogger of Billreca aged 50 yeares or Thereabouts Saith, That about Seven yeares Since Martha Carrier being a Nigh Neighbour vnto this dpon^t and there hapening some difference betwixt vs, She gave forth several threatning words as the often vsed to doe and in a short time after this deponent had two large lufty fowes w^{ch} frequented home daily that were lost and this deponent found one of them dead nigh ye fd Carriers house wth both Eares cut of and ye other sow I Neuer heard of to this day, and ye same summer to ye best of my rembrance J had a Cow wch vsed to give a good Mess of milk twice a day and of a fudden She would give little or none Every Morning though a Night she gaue as formerly and this continued about ye space of a month in wch time I had three meals milke on three Severall Mornings not Succeffively and no more though One Night three of vs Watched ye Cow all night yet J could have no milke in ye morning of her and about ye monthes End She gave milke as formerly the vied by all w^{ch} I did in my Conscience believe then in ye day of it and have so done euer since and doe yet belieue that Martha Carrier was ye occasion of those Ill accidents by Meanes of Witchcraft she being a very Malicious woman and further faith not.

John + Rogger

Phebe Chandler v. Martha Carrier.

The deposition of Phebe Chandl^r aged about 12 years. Testifieth that about a fourtnight before Martha Carrier, was sent for to Salem to be examined, upon ye Sabbath day when ye psalm was singing, self Martha Carrier took me self deponent by ye

shoulder and shaked me, in ye meeting house and asked me where I lived, but I made her no answer, (not doubting but that she knew we, hauing liued fome time the next door to my futhers house, on one fide of ye way) and that day that sd Martha Carrier was ceased, my mother sent me to Carry fome bear to ye folks yt were att work in ye lott, and when I came within ye fence, there was a voice in ye bushes (which I thought was Martha Carriers uoice, which I know well) but saw noe body, and ye voice asked me what I did there and whether I was going: which greatly frighted me, foe that I run as fast as I could to those att work, and told them what I had heard, about an hour & half or two hours after, my mother fent me again upon ye same occasion, to ye workmen abous and Comming home, near ye place aboufd where I heard that voice before, I heard ye fame uoice, as I judged, ouer my head, saying J should be poysoned within two or three days, which accordingly happened, as I conceiue, for J went to my fifter Allens farm ye same day, and on friday following, about one half of my right hand was greatly swolen and exceeding painfull, and alsoe part of my face, which I can give no account how it came and Continued uery bad some days, and seueral times since I have been troubled with a great weight upon my breast, and upon my leggs, when J haue been going about, so that J could hardly goe, which J haue told my mother of: And ye last sabbath day was feauennight, I went to meeting very well in ye

morning, and went to my place where J used to sitt (ye ministers not being come) and Richard Carrier son of aboused Martha looked uery earnestly upon me, and imediately my hand which had formerly been poysoned as aboused began to pain me greatly, and J had a strange burning att my stomake and then was struck deaf that J could not hear any of ye prayer, nor singing till ye two or three last words of ye singing.

Jurat in Curia

Phebe + Chandler.

Bridget Chandler v. Martha Carrier.

Bridget Chandler aged 40 years mother ye sel Phebe Testissieth yt in ye day of it her daughter Complained as aboue is expressed.

Jurat in Curia.

Allen Tootbaker v. Martha Carrier.

The Deposition of Allin Toothaker aged about 22 years Saith, J heard martha Carrier say that Beniamin Abbutt would wish he had not medled with that land so Near our house for She would stick as Cols to him as the barck to the tree afore seauen years Com a but, and that docter prescott should Neuer Cure him, and about last march Richard Carrier and my selfe had Som difference and said Richard pulled me downe by the hair of my head to the ground for to beat me, J desired him to lett me Risse, when J was up J went to strike at him, but J fell down flatt upon my back

to the ground and had not power to stir hand Nor foote then I toold fayd Richard J would yeald to him and owne him the best man and then I saw Martha Carrier goe of from my brest, butt when I was Risen up I saw non of her, I was Wounded in the Warre, Martha Carrier tould me I should never be Cured, afore the was Aprehended I could thrust in my Wound a knitting nedle four Inches deep but, fince She have been taken I am thoroughly healed, and haue had more Ease then I haue had in halfe a year before Sometimes when Martha Carrier and J had some difference she would Clap her hand at me and fay J should get nothing by it, and fo with in a day or two I lost a three year old heffer: Next a yealin, and then a Couw, and then had som little difference againe and lost a yearlin, And I know not of any natural Causes of ye death of the abould Creatures, but have always feared it hath been ye effect of my Aunt Martha Carrier her malice:

Jurat in Curia.

Allen + Tootbaker

Samuel Preston v. Martha Carrier.

Samuel Preston aged about 41 years Saith yt about 2 yeares Since J had some difference wth Martha Carrier wth also had hapened Seuerll times before and soon after J lost a Cow in a Strange manner being Cast upon her back wth her heels vp in firm ground when she was very Lusty it being in June I2

and within abot month after this ye so martha and J had some difference again at which Time she told me J had lost a Cow lately and it should not or should not be long before J should loose another with accordingly came to pass, for J had a Cow yt was well kept with English Hay and J could not precive yt she aild any thing and yt she pined and quickley lay downe as if she was assept and dyed.

Jurat in Curia.

Francis Dane Sent for Martha Carrier,

R. vd Sr Whereas there have been divers reports rayfed, how and by what hands I know not, of the Towne of Andover, and the Jnhabitants, J thought it my bounden duty to give an account to others, fo farr as I had the vnderstanding of any thing amongst us. Therefore do declare that, J beleeue the reports haue been Scandalous, and unjust neither will bear As for that, of the Sine, and bifers I neve light. ver heard of it, till this last Summer, and the Sabboth after I spake publiqly concerning it since which I beleeve it hath not been tryed, As for such things of Charmes, and ways to find their cattle, I never heard, nor doe I know any Neighbour that ever did so, neither have J any grounds to beleeue it, I have lived above Fortie foure yeares in the Towne, and have been frequent among ye Jnhabitants, and in my healthfull, yeares oft at their habitations, and should certainly heard if so it had been. That there was a suspicion of Goodwife Carrier among some of us before she was apprehended,

As for any other persons, I had no sufpicion of them, and had Charity been put on the Diuel would not haue had such an advantage against us, and J beleeve many Innocent persons have been accused, and Imprisoned ye Conceit of Spectre Evidence as an infallible mark did too far prevaile with us Hence we so easily parted with our neighbours of honest and good report, and members in full Comunion, hence we so easily parted with our Children, when we knew nothing in their liues, nor any of our neighbours to suspect them and thus things were hurried on, hence such strange breaches in families, severall that came before me, that spoke with much fobriety, professing their innocency, though through the Devils Subtilty they were to much urged to confesse, and we thought we did doe well in so doing, yet they stood their ground professing they knew nothing, never say ye deuil, never made a Covenant with him, and ye like, and some children that we have cause to seare that dread has overcome them to accuse themselves in that they Stephen Johnson Mary Barker ye daughters of Lieftenant Barker, and some others by what we had from them with suitable affections we have cause to be eleeve they were in the truth, and fo held to it, if after many indeavours they had not been overcome to fay wt they never knew. hath been a trouble to me, consedering how oft it, hath been fayd, you are a witch, you are guilty, and who afflicts this maid or the like, and more then this hath been fayd, charging persons with

witchcraft, and what flatteries haue past from; and threats and telling them they must goe to prison and this I feare haue caused many to fall, our Sinne of Jgnorance wherein we thought we did well, will not excuse us when we know we did amisse but whatever might be a stumbling block to others must be removed, else we shall procure divine displeasure, and Euills will unavoidably breake in upon us.

Yours Sr who am though unworthie a friend to them yt are friends to Sion.

Andever Jan 2. 92.

FRANCIS DANE Ser.

Concerning my Daughter Elizabeth Johnson, J never had ground to suspect her neither have I heard any other to accuse her, till for Spectre evidence she was brought forth, but this I must say, she was weake, and incapacious, fearfull, and in that refpect J feare she hath falsely accused herself and others Not long before that the was tent for the fpake as to her owne particular, that she was sure she was no witch, and for her daughter Elizabeth, she is but simplish at ye best, and J feare the common speech that was frequently spread among us, of theire liberty, if they would confesse, and the like expression, used by some, have brought many into a snare, the Lord direct and guide those that are in place, and giue us all submissive wills, and let the Lord doe with me, and mine, what seems good in his owne eyes.

Warrant v. Elizabeth How.

To ye Constable of Topsfield

You are in theyre Majestyes Names hereby Required to Apprehend and bring before us Elizabeth How ye wife of James How of Topssield Husbandman, on Tuesday next being ye thirty first day of May about Ten of ye Clock in ye forenoon at ye house of Levt Nathaniell Ingersolls of Sallem Village, Whoe Stand Charged wth Sundry Acts of Witchcraft done or Committed on ye bodyes of Mary Walcott, Abigall Williams and others of Salem Village, to theyr great hurt, in order to hir examination, Relateing to ye aboues premises, and hereof you are nott to sayle.

Datd Salem May 28th 1692.

J vs. John Hathorne Jonathan Corwin Affists.

In obedence to this warrant J have apprehended Elizabeth How the wife of Jems how on the 29th of May 1692, and have brought har unto the house of leftenant nathaniell englosons according too to warant as atested by me.

EPHRAIM WILDES constabell for the town of Topsfield.

Dated may 31st 1692.

Examination of Elizabeth How.

The examination of Eliz. How. 31. May 1692.

Mercy Lewis and Mary Walcot fell in a fit quickly after the examinant came in.

Mary Walcot said that this woman the examinant had pinch^d her and choakt this month. Ann Putman said she had hurt her three times. What say you to this charge? Here are them that charge you with witchcraft.

If it was the last moment I was to live, God knows J am innocent of any thing in this nature.

Did not you take notice that now when you lookt upon Mercy Lewis she was struck down?

J cannot help it,

You are charged here, what doe you say? I am innocent of any thing of this nature.

Js this the first time that ever you were accused?

Do not you know that one at Ipswich hath accused you?

This is the first time that ever J heard of it.

You say that you never heard of these folks before.

Mercy Lewis at length spake and charged this woman with hurting and pinching her. And then Abigail Williams cryed she had hurt me a great many times, a great while and she hath brought me the book, Ann Putman had a pin stuck in her hand.

What do you say to this?
J cannot help it.
What consent have you given?
Mary Warren cryed out she was prickt

Abig Williams cryed out that she was pincht, and great prints were seen in her arm.

Have not you seen some apparition?

No, never in all my life.

Those that have confessed, they tell us they used images and pins, now tell us what you have used.

You would not have me confess that which J know not.

She lookt upon Mary Warren, and said Warren violently fell down. Look vpon this maid viz: Mary Walcot, her back being towards the Examinant, Mary Warren and Ann Putman said they saw this woman upon her, Susan Sheldon saith this was the woman that carryed her yesterday to the Pond, Sus. Sheldon carried to the examinant in a fit and was well upon grasping her arm.

You faid you never heard before of these people. Not before the warrant was served upon me last Sabbath day, John Jndian cryed out O she bites, and fell into a grevious sit; and so carried to her in his sit and was well upon her grasping him,

What do you say to these things, they can not

come to you?

Sr I am not able to give account of it.

Cannot you tell what keeps them off from your body?

J cannot tell, J know not what it is?

That is strange that you should do these things and not be able to tell how.

This a true account of the examination of Eliz: How taken from my characters written at the time thereof. Witness my hand

Sam. Parris.

Witnesses v. Elizabeth How.

Witnesses against goody How.
Samuel Pearly & his wife.
Timothy Pearly
deacon Cumnins his wife
Soseph Andrews & his wife
Boxford
Joseph Safford Jpswich
Abram Howe wife

Indictment v. Elizabeth How.

Anno Regis et Reginee Willm et Mariee nune Anglice &c Quarto.

The Jurors for our Sovereigne Lord Effex is. and Lady the King and Queen Preents That Elizabeth How wife of James How of Ipswich the thirty first day of May in the forth year of the Reigne of our Sovereigne Lord and Lady, William & Mary by the Grace of God of England Scottland sfrance, and Jreland King and Queen defenders of the ffaith &c. and Divers other dayes and times as well before as after Certaine Detestable Arts called witchcraft, and forceries wickedly and ffelloniously hath vsed Practised and Exercised at and within the Towneship of Salem in the county of Essex aforefaid in upon and against one Mary Wolcott of Salem Villiage finglewoman by which faid wicked arts the faid Mary Walcott the 31st day of May in the forth year as abouesaid and Divers other Dayes and times as well before as after was and is Tor-

tured Afflicted Pined Confumed wasted and Tormented and also for sundrey other Acts of witchcraft by faid Elizabeth How Committed and Done before and fince that time, agt the Peace of our Sovereigne Lord and Lady the King and Queen, and against the forme of the Statute in that case made and Provided.

Mary Wolcott Jurat, Ann Putman Jurat, Abigall Williams Sam^{ll} Pearly & wife

Ruth. Jurat

Joseph Andrews & wife Sarah Jurat Ino. Sherrin Jurat. Jos. Safford Jurat ffrancis Lane Jurat.

Abraham ffoster wife Jurat Jsack Cumins Jung Jurat.

Timothy Perley & Deborah Perley v. Elizabeth How.

the first of iune 1692, the deposition of timothi Perley and Deborah Perley his wife, timoth Perley aged about 39 and his wife about 33 there being fom diferance betwene goode how that is now feised namely Elizabeth How wife of James How Jun and timothi Perli abouesaid about som bords the night following thereof our cous lay out and finding of them the next morning we went to milk them and one of them did not give but two or thre spoone fuls of milk and one of the other cous did not give above halfe a Pinte and the other gave aboute a quart and these cous used to give three or four quarts at a meale two of thes cous continued to give litle or nothig four or five meals and yet thai went in a good inglesh pasture and within four

dais the cous gave ther full Proportion of milk that thai used to give.

furder deborah Perley testifieth and as conserning hanah Perley Samuel Perleys daughter that was so fore afflicted her mother and she coming to our house hanah Perley being suddinli scared and sd thers that woman she goes into the oven and out againe and then fell into a dredful fit and when I have asked her when she said that woman what woman she ment she tould me jeams howswife fometime hanah Perley went along with me to ieams hows an fone fell into a fitt goode how was ueri loving to her and when the garl and J came away i asked whi she talked so of goode How being she was so louing to her she tould me that if i were afficted as she was that i would talk as bad of her as she did at another time i saw goode how and hanah Perley together and thai were veri louing together and after goode How was gone i asked her whi she was so louing to goode how when thai were together she tould me that she was afraide to doe other wife for then goode how would kil her. deborah Perley.

Timothy Pearly And Deborah his wife declared to ye Jury of inquest to all of ye above written evidence, on this side of this paper, that it is ye truth upon oath: June 30th

Sam! Perley & ux v. Elizabeth How.

the first of iune 1692. the deposition of Samuel Perley and his wife aged about 52 an his wife about



46 years of age we having a dafter about ten years of age being in a forowful condition this being sone after a faling out that had bene betwen learns how and his wife and and miself our daughter told us that it was ieams hows wife that afflicted her both night and day fomtimes complaining of being Pricked with Pins and sometimes faling doun into dredfull fits and often sai i could never affict a dog as goode how aslicts me mi wife and i did often chide her for naming goode how being loth her name shold be defamed but our daughter would tell us that though we would not beleue her now yet you wil know it one day we went to feveral docters and that tould us that the was under an evil hand our daughter tould us that when she came nere the fire or water this witch Puls me in and was often foreli burnt and she would tel us what cloaths she wore and would sai there she goes and there the goes & now the is gone into the ouen and at these fights faling down into dredful fits and thus our daughter continuing about two or three years constantli afirming to the last that this goode how that is now feiled was the cause of her sorows and so Pined a wai to Skin and bone and ended her forowful life, and this we can atest vpon oath nith Perleys mark

Sam'll Pearly and his wife declared ye above written to be ye truth upon oath, after this the abouesaid goode how had a mind to wyn to ipswich church thai being unsatisfied sent to us to bring in what we had against her and when we had declared to them what we knew thai see cause to

Put a Stop to her coming into the Church within a few days after J had a cow wel in the morning as far as we knew this cow was taken strangli runing about like a mad thing a litle while and then run into a great Pon—and drouned herself and as sone as she was dead mi sons and miself towed her to the shore and she stunk so that we had much a doe to slea her. As for the time of our daughters being taken ill it was in the yere of our lord 1682.

Sam^{ll} Pearly Declared to ye Jury of inquest that all ye above written is ye truth upon oath, June 30th 92.

Samuel Phillips for Elizabeth How.

The testimony of Samuel Phillips aged about 67, minister of the word of God in Rowly, who sayth, that mr payson (minister of gods word alsoe in Rowley) and myself went, being defired to Samuel pearly of ipswich to se theire young daughter who was viseted with strang fitts and in her fitts (as her father and mother affirmed) did mention good wife How the wife of James How Junior of Ipswich, as if the was in the house and did afflict her: when we were in the house the child had one of her fitts but made noe mention of goodwife how: and when the fitt was over and she came to herself, goodwife how, went to the child and took her by the hand and askt her whether she had ever done her any hurt And she answered noe never and if I did complain of you in my fitts J knew not, that J did foe: J further can affirm vpon oath that young

Samuel Pearly, Brother to the afflicted girle looking out of a chamber window (I and the afflicted child being without dores together) and fayd to his fifter say goodwife How is a witch, say she is a witch, and the child spake not a word that way, but I lookt up to the window where the youth stood and rebuked him for his boldness to stir up his fister to accuse the said goodw: How when as she had cleared her from doing any hurt to his fifter in both our hearing, and J added no wonder that the child in her fitts did mention Goodwife How, when her nearest relations were soe frequent in expressing theire suspitions in the childs hearing when she was out of her fitts that the fayd Goodwife How, was an Instrument of mischief to the child.

Rowley 3 June 1692. Samuel Phillips.

I Edward Paison of ye Towne aboves tho' prefent at ye place and time afores yet cannot evidence in all the particulars mentioned: Thus much is yet in my remembrance, vizt being in ye aboves Pearleys house some considerable time before ye se Goodw How came in: their Afflicted Daughter upon something that her mother spake to her with tartness, presently fell into one of her usual strange sitts, during which she made no mention (as I observed) of ye above se How her name, or any thing relating to her, sometime after, the se How came in, when se Girl had recovered her capacity, her sitt being over se How took se Girl by ye hand, asked her whether she had ever done her any hurt? ye child answered no never: with several expressions to yt purpose which I am not able particularly to recount, &c,

Rowley, June 3 1692. Edward Paison.

Deborah Hadley v. Elizabeth How.

The Deposition of Debory Hadley aged about 70 yeares: this Deponant testifieth and sth that J have lived near to Elizabeth How (ye wife of James How Junior of Ipswich) 24 year and have found her a Neighbourly woman Consciencious in her dealing, fatthfull to her pmises and Christianlike in her Conversation so far as I have observed and surther saith nt

June 24. 1692.

Deborah Hadley.

Daniel Warner John Warner & Sarah Warner for Elizabeth How.

from Jpswich Ju- y^e 25: 1692. this may sertify hom it may conserne we being desired to wright some thing in y^e behalfe of y^e wise of Jeams how Junior of Ipswich hoe is aprehended upon susspition of being gilty of ye Sin witchcraft and now in Salem prisson upon ye same acount for ouer oun partes we have bin well aquainted w^t hur for above twenty yeers we never see but y^t she cared it very well and y^t both hur wordes and actions wer always such as well become a good cristian: we ofte spake to hur of some things y^t wer reported of hur y^t gave some susspition of y^t she is now charged w^t and she

always professing hur Inosency y^r in offen desiring our prayers to god for hur y^t god would keep hur in his fear and y^t god would support her under hur burdin we have offen herd hur Speaking of thos persons y^t raisd thos reports of hur and we never heerd hur Speake badly of y— for ye same, but in ouer hering hath offen said y^t she desired god that he would santify y^t affliction as well as others for hur spiritual good.

Daniel Warner sen^r John Warner sen^r

Simon Chapman & Mary Chapman for Elizabeth How.

Ipswich June the 25th, 1652. The testimony of Simon Chapman agid About 48 years testifieth and fayth that he hath ben Aquainted with the wivef of James how iunr as a naybar for this o or 10 yers and he never faw any harm by hur but that That hath bin good for I found hur Joust In hur delling faythfooll too hur promicifis I have had ocation to be in the compiny of good wief howe by the fortnight togathar at Thayar hous: and at other times and I found at all Tims by hur discors shee was a woman of alliktion and mourning for fin in hur felves And othars and when she met with eny Afliktion she semid to iostifi god and say that Itt was all better than she dessufid that it war. By falls aquiations from men and she yust To bles god that the got good by afliktions for it med hur exfamin hur oun hart. I neuar herd hur refil any person that hath akusid hur with wichcrast but pittied

them and fayid i pray god for giue them for thay harm them selves more then me Thos i am a gret sinar yit i am cler of that sayid she and such Kind of assistions doth but set me a exsamining my oun hard and J find God wondarfolly seportining me and comfarting me by his word and promiss she semid to be a woman thron in that gret work of conniktion and connection which J pray god mak us all.

Simon Chapman my wiuef Mary Chapman cane Testisi to the most of this abou retan as witnes my hand Mary Chapman.

Isaac Cummins Sr v. Elizabeth How.

Jvn 27. 1692. The disposition of Isaac commins syner aged about fixty years or thare abouts who testysyeth and saith that about aight yers agon James how ivn of ipswech came to my hous to borow a hors J not being at home my son isaac, told him as my son told me whan i cam home i hade no hors to ride on bot my son isaac did tell the said how that his sather hade no hors to ride on but he hade a mare the which he thought his father would not be wiling to lend this being vpon a thursday the next day being sryday J took the mare and my self and my wif did ride on this maer abute half a mile to an naighbours hous and home again and when we came home J turned the maer out the maer being as well to my thinking as ever she

was next morning it being faterday abovt fun rifing this said maer stood neer my doore and the said maer as i did aperehend did show as if she had bin much abvsed by riding and here slesh as I thoug mych wasted and her movth mych semenly to my aperehantion much abused and hurt with ye bridel bits I feing ye maer in fuch a fad condition I toke vp the faid maer and pot her into my barn and she wold eate no maner of thing as for provender or ary thing we i gave her then I fent for my brother thomas andros which was living in boxford the faid Anderos came to my hovs, J not being at home when I came home a letil afore night my brother anderos told me he head giving the faid mear fonthing for the bots but as he coold purseve it did do her no good but said he I cannot tell but she may have the baly ach and said he i wil try one thing more my brother anderos said he wold take a pipe of tobaco and lite it and pot itt in to the fundement of the mare I told him that I thought it was not lawfull he said it was lawfull for man or beast then I toke a clen pipe and filled it with tobaco and did lite it and went with the pipe lite to the barn then the faid anderos vsed the pipe as he said before he wold and the pipe of tobaco did blaze and byrn blew then I said to my brother anderos you shall try no more it is not lawful he said I will try again once mor which he did and then thar arose a blaze from the pipe of tobaco which seemed to me to cover the bytocks of the faid mear the blaz went vp ward towards the roof of the barn and in the roof of the

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barn thar was a grate crackling as if the barn would have falen or bin byrnt which semed so to vs which ware within and fom that ware with ovt and we hade no other fier in the barn but only a candil and a pipe of tobaco and then J faid I thought my barn or my mear must goe the next day being Lords day I spoke to my brother anderos at noone to come to fee the said mear and said anderos came and what h did J say not the same Lords day at night my naighbour John Hvnkins came to my hovs and he and I went into my barn to see this mear said hvnkins faid and if I ware as you i wolvd cut of a pece of this mear and burn it J faid no not to day but if she lived til to morrow morning he might cut of a pece off of her and byrn if he would presentely as we hade spoken these words we stept ovt of the barn and emedeiatly this faid mear fell down dade and never styred as we coold pyrseve after she fell down but lay dead.

Jíac Comings sent declared to ye Jury of Inquest that ye above written evidence is ye truth upon oath June 30th 1692.

Joseph Knowlton for Elizabeth C. How.

from Ipswich June 27, 1692. Joseph knoulton being acquainte with the wife of James How Jungas a neighbour and somtims bording in the house, and at my first coming to live in those parts which was about ten years ago J hard a bad Report of her about Samuell perleys garle which caused me to take speshall noates of her life and conversation

ever sence and I have asked her if she could freely forgive them that Raised such Reports of her she tould me yes with all her heart desiering that God would give her a heart to be more humble vnder such a prouidences and further she sayd she was willing to doe any good she could to them as had don vnneighbourly by her also this I have taken notes of that she would deny herself to doe a neighbour a good turn and also J have known her to be faithfull in he word and honest in her dealeings as fare as ever I saw

Joseph knoulton aged forty tu mary knowlton aged thury tu

James How sent for Elizabeth How.

information for Elizebeth How the wife of Iames How Iun^r Jams How Sen^r aged about 94 fayth that he liuing by her for about thirty years hath taken notes that she hath caried it well becoming her place as a daughter as a wife in all Relation seting a side humain infurmitys as becometh a Christion with Respect to myself as a father very dutyfully and a wifise to my son uery Carefull loveing obediant and kind considering his want of eye sight tenderly leading him about by the hand now desiering god may guide your honours to se a differant between predigous and Consentes. I Rest yours to Sarve

James How sen^r of Ipswich.

Dated this 28 day of June 1692.

Isaac Cummins jr v. Elizabeth How.

June 28th 1692. The testimony of Jsack Comings Juner aged about 27 years Testifieth and saith yt James Hough Juner came to my fathers house when he was not at home he asked me if my father had ever a hors and I told him no he asked me if he had Ever a maer and I told him yesh he asked me if I Thought my father would lend him his maer and I told him I did not Think he would vpon wch in a short Tyme after my father and mother Ridd their maer to Their Neighbours house ye same maer weh sid hough would have Borowed wch femingly was well when my fathr and mothr came home I seeing ye same sd maer ye nex morning could Judge noe other butt yt she had bin Rid ye other part of yt night or othr ways horibly abufed vpon wch my fathr feeing wt a condition his maer was in fent for his Broth Thomas Andros w^{ch} when he came he gin her seuerall Things w^{ch} he Thought to be good for her butt did her not any good upon weh he said he would try one thing moer weh was a pipe and some Tobaco weh he applid to her Thinking itt might doe her good against ye Belly ake Thinking yt might be her discease wch when they vsed ye pipe wth Tobaco in itt abought ye sid maer ye pipe being Litt itt Blazed so much yt itt was as much as two persons could putt itt ought wth both of Their hands, vpon wch my father faid we will Trye no more brother my vncle id he would trye once more ye weh he did ye pipe being Litt ye fyed Blazed out of ye same sd pipe more vehemently than before vpon wch my sather answered he had Rather Loose his maer yn his barn ye uery next night sollo--ing ye sd maer solloing my sather in his barn from one side to ye other side fell down imediately Dead against ye sell of ye Barn before my sath had well cleered him selse from her—furth saith not.

Mary Cummings v. Elizabeth How.

Ivn 27, 1692. The disposition of mary commings ye wif of isaac commins sen aged about fixty yers or thare abovts teleifieth and faith my husband not being at home J was sent to by som parsons of ipsweg sent to me for to have me to write what I cold say of James how ivn his wife elesebeth conscarning her life or conversation and that I woold fay what I cold fay for or against her when the said hows wife fought to aloyn with ythe church at ipsweg and I spoke to my son Jsaac to write that we hade vsed no brimston nor oyl nor no combvstables to give to our mear becave there was a report that the said hows wife hade said that we hade given the mear brim brimston and oyl and the like and a stort time after J hade written my testemony confarning this hows wife my fon Isaac his maer was missing that he coold not find her in to or thre days and in a short time after my son isaacs maer, came in fight not fare from the hove and my fon isac praid me to go ovt and look on his maer when I came to her he asked me what I thought on her

and J said if he wold have my thoughts i covld not compair it nothing elce but that she was riden with a hot bridil for she hade divirses broses as if she had bin runing over rocks an mych wronged and where the bridil went was as if it had been burnt with a hot bridil then J bide Jsaac take ye mare and have her vp amongst the naghbors that peopl might see her for I hered that James how wn or his wife or both hade said that we kept vp ovr maer that popel might not see her and isaac did show his maer to saveril and then the said how as i hered did report that isac had riden to Sin spring and caryed his gairl and so swritted the maer the which was not so.

Mary Comins owned this har testimony to be truth before the Juryes for Inquest this 29 of June 1692

Jurat in Curia.

Jvn 27, 1692. J mary comins ageed abovt fixty yers or thar abovts the wife of isac comins syner J being at my neighbour Samul parlys hovs samvel parlys davgter hannah being in a straing condition asked me if J did not see godee how in the hovs going round vpon the wall as the gvrl directed her singer along round in won place and another of the hovs J teled her no J loked as dilegently as i cold and i covld see nothing of her the gorls mother then did chek her and told her she was alwas svll of sych kind of notions and bid her hold her tovng then she told her mother she wovld belive it one day and somthing mor which shold have bin mantioned as the garl poynted to show me whare goode

how was she asked me if J did not se her go ovt at that crak which she poynted at Mary Comins owned this har testimony one her oath to be the truth before the Juriars of Inquest this 29 of June 92. Jurat in Curia

Jvn 27-1692. The disposition of Mary commins aged about fixty yers or there abouts ho testefieth and faieth that above too yeres agon I went to vifet my naighborr sherins wife and she told me that James how ivn had bin there to give her a vifet and he did sharply talk to her asking her what hopes she hade of her salveation her answer was to him that she did bild her hopes vpon that sver rock Jesvs christ this the said serins wife did tell me and she told me also that she had never talked of the faid how or his wife bot she was the wors for it afterwards, and she said also when she lay sick of the same sikness whareof she dyed that the said how would come fom times into the roome to fee her but she could not tell how to bare to se him nor that he should be in the hous.

Mary Comins ownid that this har testimony on har oath before the Juryars for Jnques, this 29 of June. 1692. Jurat in Curia.

Francis Lane v. Elizabeth How.

Francis Lane g-ged 27 yeares testifyeth and saith that about seauen yeares agoe James How the husband of Elizabeth How of Ipswich sarmes hired sd Lane to get him a parcell of posts and railes and sd Lane hired John Pearly the son of Samuell Pearly of Ipswich to help him in getting of them And after they had got said Posts and railes, the said Lane went to the faid James How that he might goe with him and take delivery of faid Posts and railes, and Elizabeth How the wife of id James how told said Lane that she did not beleiue that sd Posts and railes would doe because that so John Pearly helped him and she said that if he had got them alone and had not got John Pearly to help him she beleived beleived that they would have done but feing that faid Pearly had helped about them she believed that they would not doe, so sd James How went with faid Lane for to take deliuery of fd Posts and railes and the fd James How toke severall of the said railes as they lay in heaps up by the end and they broke of, so many of them broke that said Lane was forced to get thirty or forty more and when faid How came home he told his wife thereof and she said to him that she had told him before that they would not doe because faid Pearly helped about them which railes faid Lane testifyeth that in his Aprehention were good found railes.

ffrancis Lane declared to ye Jury of inques to ye truth of ye above written evidence upon oath June 39th 1692.

Jurut in Curia.

John How v. Elizabeth How.

The Testimony of John How aged about 50 yers saith that one that day that my brother James his wife was Caried to Salem sarmes upon exami-



nation she was at my house and would a have had me to go with her to Salem farmes J tould hur: that if the had ben fent for vpon allmost any aCount but witchcraft J would a have gone with hur byt one that aCount I would not for ten pounds, but faid I If you are a witch tell me how long you have ben a witch and what mischeve you have done and then J will go with you for faid I to hur you have ben acusied by Samuell pearleys Child and suspacted by Daken Cumins for witchcraft: she semed to be aingry with me, stell asked me to come on the morow I told hur I did not know but I might com to morow but my ocashons called me to go to Ipswich one the morow and came whome a bout fun faet and standing nere my door talking with one of my Naibours, I had a fow with fix small pigs in the yard the fow was as well fo fare as I know as ever one a fuding she leaped up about three or fouer foot hie and turned about and gave one squeake and fell downe daed I told my naibour that was with me I thought my fow was bewitched for faied I think she is daed he lafed at me but It proued true for she fell downe daed he bed me cut of hur eare the which I did and my hand I had my knif in was fo numb and full of paine that night and fauerall. days after that I could not doe any work and is not wholy wall now and I to spected no other person by my id fister Elizabeth How.

Capt Jnº How declared ye above written evidence to be ye truth before ye Jury of inquest. June 30th 1692, upon his oath in court,

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Jacob Foster v. Elizabeth How.

The deposion of Jacob softer aged about 29 yeares this deponant faith that some years agoe good wife How the wife of James how was a bout to Joyne with the church of Ipswich My father was an instrumentall means of her being denyed admission quickly after my mare was turned out to grass on the tusday and on thursday I went to seek my mare to go to lecture I fought my mare and could not find her I fought all friday and found her not on Saturday I fought till noon and I found my mare standing leaning with her butocks against a tree I hit her with a small whip she gave a heave from a tree and fell back to the tree again then I took of her fetters and struck her again she did the same again then I set my shoulder to her side and thrust her of from the tree and moued her feet then she went home and leapt into the paufture and my mare lookt as if she had been miserably beaten and abufed Jacob ffoster declared ye evidence to be ye truth before ye Jury of inquest, on oath June 30. **Q2.**

Joseph Safford v. Elizabeth How.

The deposition of Joseph Safford aged about 60, he testefyeth and saith that my wife was much asraid of Elizabeth how the wife of James how upon the Reports that were of her about Samuell perlleys child but upon a tim after thes Reportes James how and his wife coming to my house ne-

ther myselfe nor my wife were at home and goodwife how asked my children wher ther mother was and thay said at the next nayboaers hove she difired them to Coll ther mother which they did, when my wife cam whom my wife told me that she was much startled to se goode how but she took her by the hand and faid goode Safford, I believe that you are not ignorant of the grete scandall that I Ly under upon the euill Report that is Raised upon me about Samuell perlleys child and other things Joseph Safford faith that after this his wife was taken beyond Rason and all parswasson to tek the part of this woman after this the wife of this Jams how propounded herselfe to com into the church of Ipswich wherupon fum objection aRose by sum unfatisfied brethren wherupon ther was a meeting apinted by our elders of the church to confidar of things brought in against her my wife was more then ordenery ernist to goe to Lectur the church meeting being on that day notwithstanding the many arguments I used to perswed her to the Contrery yet I obtained a promis of her that she would not goe to the church meeting but meeting with som of the naybourhood they perswaded her to go with them to the church meeting at eldar pains and told her that she need say nothing ther, but goodwife how then being Rether Rendred guilty than cleered my wife took her by the hand after meeting and told her though she wer condemned before men the was Justefyed befor god, the next Sabath after this my fon that caried my wife to Lectur was taken aftar a strang manar the Saturday aftar that my wife was taken after a Raving frenzy manar expressing in a Raging manar that goode how must Com into the church and that shee was a precious faint and though shee wer condemned befor men shee was Justefyed befor god and continued in this fram for the space of thre or four hours after that my wife fell into a kind of a tranc for the spac of two or thre minits shee then coming to herselfe opened her eye and faid ha J was mistaken no anfwer was med by the standars by, and again shee faid ha I was mistaken majar appletons wife standing by said wherein art mistaken I was mistaken faid she for I thought goode how had bene a precious faint of god but now I fee she is a witch for shee hath bewitched mee and my child and we shall neuer be well till ther is testemoney for her that she may be taken into the church, after this ther was a meeting of the eldars at my hous and thay defired that goode how might be at the meeting infign wallis went with myselfe to inuite goode how to this meeting she coming in discours at that time shee said two or thre times shee was fory to fe my wife at the church meeting at eldar pains aftar this shee said she was afficted by the aparishtion of goode how a few dayes after the was taken shee said the caus of her changing her opinion confarning goode how was becaus shee apeared to her throug a creuie of the clambouerds which she knew no good person could do and at thre seuerall times after was aflicted by the aperishtion of goode how

and goode olleuer and furdir this deponit faith that Rifing erlly in the moring and kindling a fir in the other Room in wife shricked out I presently Ran into the room wher my wife was and as foon as euer I opened the dore my said ther be the evill one take them wherupon I Replyed whar are they I will take them if I can shee said you will not tak them and then sprang out of the bed herselfe and went to the window and faid thar they went out thay wer both biger than she and thay went out ther but she could not then J Replyed who be thay she said goode how and goode olleuer goode olleuer faid I you never saw the woman in your Life no faid the I never faw her in my Life but to the is Represented to me goode ollever of Sallam that hurt william stace of Sallam the millar.

Joseph Safford declared to ye Jury of inquest that ye evidence above written and on ye other side of this paper is ye truth upon oath,

June 30th 1692. Jurat in Curia.

Thomas Andrews v. Elizabeth How.

July 1st 1692.

The Testimony of Thomas Andrews of Boxford aged about 50 years this deponant Testissieth and saith yt Jsiah Comings, senior of Topssield sent for me to help a mare yt was not well and when I came thare ye mare was in such a condition yt I could not tell wt she ailed for J never sawe ye like her lips ware exceedingly swelled yt ye Jnsides of Them

Turned outward and Looked Black and blew and gelled, her Tung was in ye fame Condition J told ye faid Comings I could not tell wt to doe for her I perceived she had not ye Botts weh I did att first think she had butt I said she might have some great heat in her Body and I would applie a pipe of Tobacco to her and yt was concented to and I litt a pipe of Tobaco and putt itt vnder her fundiment and there came a Blew flame out of ye Bowle and Run along ye stem of sd pipe and took hold of ye haer of fd maer and Burnt itt and we tryed itt 2 or 3 times together and itt did ye same itt semed to Burn Blew butt Run Liki fyer yt is fett on ye grass to Burn itt in ye spring Tyme and we struck itt outt wth our hands and ye fd Comings fd yt he would trye no more for sd he J had Rather loose my mare yn my barn and I this deponant doe testifi yt to ye Best of my vnderstanding was ye same mare yt James Hough Junior Belonging to Ipswich farmes husband to Elizabeth Hough would have have Borowed of ye fd Comings.

Tho. Andrews.

Warrant v. William Procter.

To ye Constable of Salem,

You are hereby required in theyr Majestys Names to Apprehend and bring before us William procter of Salem ffarmes son of John procter of salem ffarmes fon of John procter of salem ffarmes Husbandman, upon Tuesday next being ye Thirty ffirst day of May about Tenne of the Clock in ye morning att ye house of Lev^t Nath!! Jnger-

folls in fd Village, Whoe stands charged wth Sundry Acts of Witchcraft done or Comitted upon the Bodys of Mary Walcott and Susanah Shelden and others of Salem Village to theyr great hurt, in order to his examination, Relateing to ye above fd premifes and hereof you are nott to fayle.

Dated Salem May 28th 1692.

J vs. John Hathorne
Jonathan Corwin

Affifts.

I have apprehended the parion above named and brought him to the place apinted by me John Putnan Cunt of Salem.

Indictment v. William Procter No. 1.

Effex in the Province Anno R Rs & Reginee Gulielof the Massachuetts, mi & Mariee Angliee Quarto Bay in New Eng- Annoq Domini 1692. land is.

The Juriors for our Sour Lord and Lady the King and Queen doe present that William Procter of Salem In the county of Essex Husbandman In. and Vpon the Thirty first day of May In the yeare aforesaid and divers other days and times as well before as after Certaine detestable arts called Witchcrafts, and Sorceries Wickedly Mallitiously and felloniously hath used practised and Exercised at and in the Towneshipe of Salem aforesaid in upon and against one Elizabeth Hobert of Salem aforesaid Single Woman by which said Wicked acts the said Elizabeth Hobart the day and year aforesaid and diuers other days and times both before and after, was and is Tortured Afflicted Consumed pined Wasted and Tormented and also for sundry other acts of Witchcraft by the said William procter Comitted and done before and since that time against Our Sour Lord and Lady the King and Queen theire Crowne and Dignity And the forme in the statute in that Case made and Provided, Witness, Mary Warren,

Indictment v. William Procter No. 2.

Essex in the Province Anno R R³ & Reginee Gulof the Massachusetts lielmi & Mariee &c. Quarto Bay in New England s. Annoq. Domini 1692.

The Juriors for our Sou^r Lord and Lady the King and Queen doe present that William Procter of Salem Jn the county of Essex husbandman in and vpon the thirty first day of May Jn the yeare abovesaid and divers other days and time as well before as after Certaine detestable art called Witchcrasts and Sorceries Wickedly mallitiously and stelloniously hath used practised and Exercised at and in the Towneship of Salem aforesaid in upon and against one Mary Warren of Salem aforesaid Single woman by which said Wicked Acts Mary Warren aforesaid the day and year the aforesaid and divers other days and times to the before and after was and is Tortured assisted Consumed Pined Wasted and Tormented and also for sundry other acts of Witch-

craft by the faid William Procter Comitted and done before and fince that time against Our Sour Lord and Lady the King and Queen theire Crowne and Dignity and the forme in the statute in that case made and Prouided.

Wittness,

Eliz. Hobert.

Elize Hobert v. William Procter.

elizabeth hubart dooth testify one har oath before the grand inquest that William Procter did assicte me this deponant the 31 day of may 92. at the time of his examination, and allso I did see said William procter assicte mary Warren at the time of his examination, and said William Procter hath assisted me this deponant seuerall time sins:

september the 8 day 1692.

Warrant v. Willmot Reed.

To the Constables of Marblehead,

You are in theire Majests names hereby required to apprehend and bring before vs willmot Reed the wife of Samuell Reed of Marblehead, on Tuesday next being the 31st day of this Justant month of May aboute ten of the cloak in the forenoon at ye house of Lt Nathaniell Ingersalls in Salem Village; who stands charged with hauing Committed Sundry acts of Witchcraft on ye bodys of Mary Walcot and Marcy Lewis and others of Salem Village to theire great hurt &c. in order to her Examination

Relateing to ye abovefd premises and hereof you are not to faile.

Dated Salem May 28th 1692.

P vs. John Hathorne Jonathan Corwin Affists.

Jn answer to ye within mentioned warrant J have apprehended Willmot Reed wife to Sam¹ Reed of Marblehead and brought her to ye house of L^t Jngersals, May ye 31st, 92.

JAMES SMITH Const for Marblehead.

Indictment v. Wilmott Reed No. 1.

Essex in the Province of the Massachusetts elmi & Mariee Anglice &c Bayin New Englands. Quarto Annoq² Domini 1692.

The Juriors for our Sour Lord and Lady the King and Queen doe present that Willmott Redd wife of Samuel Redd of Marblehead, Jn the County of Essex stisserman vpon the Thirty sirst day of May Jn the yeare afores and divers other days and times as well before as after Certaine detestable arts called Witchcrast and Sorceries Wickedly Mallitiously and selloniously hath used practised and exercised At and in the Towne of Salem in the County of Essex aforesaid in upon and against one Eliza Booth of Salem aforesaid Single Woman by which said Wicked acts ye said Eliza Booth the day and year aforesaid and divers other days and times both before and after was and is Tortured Assisted Consumed Pined Wasted and Tormented and also for

Sundry other acts of Witchcraft by the faid Willmot Redd Comitted and done before and fince that time against the peace of our Sour Lord and Lady the King and Queen theire Crowne and Dignity and the forme of the Stattute in that case made and Provided.

Indictment v. Wilmott Reed No. 2.

Essex in the province Anno RR⁵ Reginee Guliof the Massachusetts elmi & Marie Anglice & Bayin New England is Quarto Annoq Domini 1692.

The Jyrors for our Sour Lord and Lady the King and Queen doe present that Willmott Redd wife of Samuel Redd of Marblehead In the County of Essex sfisherman vpon the Thirty first day of May In the year aforesaid and divers other days and times as well before as after Certaine Detestable Arts called Witchcraft and Sorceries Wickedly Malliciously and felloniously hath vsed practifed and Exercised at and in the Towne of Salem in the County of Essex aforesaid in Vpon and against one Eliza Hobert of Salem aforesaid in the County of Effex aforefaid Single Woman by which faid wicked Acts the faid Eliz² Hobert the day and year aforefaid and Divers other dayes and times both before and after was and is Tortured afficted Confumed Pined Wasted and Tormented and also for syndry other acts of Witchcraft by the faid Willmot Redd Comitted and done before and fince that time against the peace of our Soueraigne Lord and Lady the King and Queen theire Crowne and Dignity

And the forme of the Stattute in that Case made and Prouided.—

Examination of Wilmott Reed.

The examination of Wilmot Redd wife of Saml Redd of marblehead ffisherman, 31 May 1692.

When this examinant was brought in Mercy Lewis Mary Walcot and Abigail Williams fell into fits.

Mercy Lewis said this Woman hath Pinch^t me a great many times Mary Walcot sais this woman brought the Book to her.

Ann Putman jun Saith she never hurt her, but she hath seen her once upon Mercy Lewis and once upon Mary Walcot the last fast day,

Eliz. Hubbard said this Examinant had brought the book to her, and told her she would knock her in the head, if she would not write.

Ann Putnam said she brought the Book to her just now.

Eliz. Booth fell into a fit, and Mary Walcot and Ann Putnam said it was this woman afflicted her,

Susan Sheldon was ordered to go to the examinant but was knockt down before she came to her, and being so carryed to said Redd in a fit, was made well after said Redd had graspt her arm.

Eliz. Hubbard dealt with after the same manner.

This examinant was bid by the Magistrates to look vpon Eliz: Hubbard and upon the examinants casting her eye vpon said Hubbard, she the said Hubbard was knoct down.

Abig. Williams and John Judian being carried to the examinant in a grevious fit were made well

by her grasping their arms.

This examinant being often urged what she thought these Persons ailed, would reply, J cannot tell. Then being askt if she did not think they were Bewitched: she answered I cannot tell, And being urged for her opinion in the case. All she would say was: my opinion is they are in a sad condition.

Summons v. Willmott Reed.

W^m and Mary by y^e Grace of God of England Scottland ffrance and Jreland King and Queen L. S. defend^{rs} of y^e faith &c Essex ss. To y^e Sheriff of Essex or deputy or Constable of Marblehead. Greeting.

Wee Comand you to Warm and give notice vnto ye wife and daughter of Thomas Dodd ye Wife and Daughter of Thomas Ellis John Caley David Shapley wife and daughter John Chin Marthah Beale Elias Henly jun and wife Benjamin Gale Joane Bubbee, Charitty Pittman, and Jacob Wormwood, That they and Every of them be and perfonally appear at ye Court of Oyer and Terminer holden at Salem to morrow at Eight of ye clock in ye Morning there to Testify ye truth to ye best of your knowledge on Seuerall Indictments Exhibited against Wilmot Redd hereof make return fail not dated in Salem Sept 13th 1692. and in ye fourthe year of our Reign.

J haue warn and summoned all ye persons within mentioned accordingly except John Calley and Ellis henly who are at sea, and beni. gale not well. Septber ye 14th by 7 o'clock in ye morning.

P me JAMES SMITH Conft in Marblehead.

Mary Walcott v. Willmott Reed.

The deposition of mary Walcott who testifieth and faith I was for a confiderable time afflected by a woman which tould me hir name was Redd and that she came from marblehead but on the 31 of may 1692 being the day of the examination of willmott Redd then I saw that she was the very same woman that tould me hir name was Redd, and she did most dreadfully afflict and torment me dureing the time of hir examination for if the did but look upon me she would strike me down or almost choak me, also on the day of hir examination I saw willmott Redd, or hir Aperance most greviously affect and torment marcy lewes Eliz: Hubberd and ann putnam and J beleue in my heart, that willmott Redd is a witch and that she has often affleted and tormented me and the afores de persons by acts of witchcraft

Jurat in Curia.

Mary Walcot upon her oath Affirmed to ye grand Juquest yt ye above written evidence is ye truth, Sept 14. 1692.

Mary Warren v. Wilmott Reed.

The deposition of mary warren who testifieth

and faith J canot say that willmott Redd ever hurt me but J saw willmott Redd on the 31 may 1692. most greviously afflect and torment mary walcott Abigaill williams and Eliz. Booth and elizabeth Hubard and Ann putnam and J verily beleue in my heart that willmott Redd is a witch and that she has often hurt the above said persons by acts of wichcraft.

Mary Warin vpon oath affirmed to ye grand Inquest to ye truth of ye above written evidence Septr 14th 1692.

and this day she hath afficted this deponant most Greviously.

Jurat in Curia.

Ann Putnam v. Wilmott Reed.

The deposition of Ann putnam who testifieth and saith that J was for a considerable time assected by a woman that tould me hir name was Redd and that she came from marblehead but on the 31 may 1692, being the day of the examination of wilmott Redd then J saw that she was the very same woman that tould me hir name was Redd and she did most greviously torment me dureing the tim of her examination for if she did but look on me she would strick me down or almost chook me also on the day of her examination J saw willmott Redd or hir aperance most greviously afflet and torment mary walcott Eliz Hubbard Eliz Both and Abigail williams and J very beleve that Willmott Redd is a witch and that she has often affle-

ted me and the aforesaid persons by acts of witch-craff.

Ann Putnam ownd ye truth of ye above written evidence to ye grand inquest Sept^r. 14. 1692. upon oath Jurat in Curia.

Eliza Hubbard v. Wilmott Reed.

The deposition of Eliz. Hubburd who testifieth and faith that I was a confiderable time afflected by a woman wet tould me hir name was Redd and that she came from marblehead but on the 31 may 1602 being the day of the examination of willmott Redd then I saw that she was ye very same woman that tould me hir name was Redd, and she did most greviously afflect and torment me during the time of hir examination for if she did but look upon me she would strick me down or almost choake me, also on the day of hir examination J saw willmott Redd or hir Apperance most dreadfully afflect and torment mary walcott Abigail williams and Ann putnam and J beleue that willmott Redd is wicth and that she hath often affleted me and the affore said persons by acts of wichcraft.

Eliz Hubbert upon her oath to ye grand inquest to ye truth of ye above written evidence, Sept¹ 14. 1692. Jurat in Curia.

Charity Pitman v. Wilmott Reed.

The Testimony of Charity Pitman of Marblehead. This deponent aged twenty nine years affirms,

that about five years agoe, Mrs Syms of ye Tovne haveing lost some linen which she suspected Martha Laurence the girle which then lived with Wilmott Reed had taken up defired the deponant to goe with her to Wilmott Redds, and demanding the same, having many words about the same, mrs Syms told her, that if she would not deliver them, she would go to Salem to mr Hathornes and gett a speciall warrant for her servante girl, upon which the sd Redd told her in my hearing, that she wished she might never mingere, nor cacare, if she did not goe, and some short time after the deponent observed, that the fd Mrs Syms was taken with the distemper of the dry Belly-ake and so continued many moneths dureing her stay in the Towne, and was not cured whilst she tarryed in the Countrey,

Jurat in Curia.

Sarah Dod v. Wilmott Reed.

Sarah Dod Affirmed upon her oath to ye grand Juquest that she heard Mrs Simse threatened to have Wilmot Redd before a Majestrate for some of star Redds misdemeanures star Redd wisht star Simse might never any wayes ease nature before she did it, and soon aftar, to this deponants knowledge it fell out with Mrs Simse, according star Redds wish

this she ownd before sd Jury of inquest, Septr 14: 1692.

Ambrose Gale v. Wilmott Reed.

Mr Ambros Gale Affirmed that Mrs Simse was

abot that time or foon after so aflicted; as was then reported. Septem^r 14, 1692.

Juriat in Curia.

Complaint v. Eliza Fosdick & Eliza Paine.

Salem May the 30th 1602.

Lt Nathaniell putnam and Joseph Whipple both of Salem Village made Complaint in behalfe of theire majes¹⁵ against Elizabeth sfosdick of Maulden the wife of John sfosdick afores¹⁶ Carpenter & Elizabeth paine of Charlstown the wife of Stephen paine of stephen paine of shusbandman for sundry acts of Witchcraft by them Committed Lately on the bodys of Marcy Lewis and Mary Warren of Salem Willage or farmes to theire great hurt therefore craues Justice.

Nathanell Putnam Joseph whipple.

The abouesayd Complaint was Exhibited before us Salem May the 30th 1692.

John Hathorne Jonathan Corwin Affist.

peter Tuft of Charlstowne also appeared before vs Salem June 2^d 1692 and also Complained against both ye aboues for acts of Witchcraft by them Committed on his negro Woman.

The mark of Peter + Tufts

Warrant v. Elizabeth Fosdick & Elizabeth Paine.

To the Marshall or Sheriff of the County of Middlesex or dep^t

You are in theire Majests names hereby required to apprehend and bring before vs at Salem forthwith or as soon as may be Elizabeth sfossick the wife of John sfossick of Maulden Carpenter and Elizabeth paine the wife of Stephen paine of Charlestowne husbandman, for sundry acts of Witchcraft by them Committed Lately on ye Bodys of Marcy Lewis Mary Warren &c of Salem Village or farmes to theire great hurt and Jnjury accords to Complaint Exhibited before vs appears, fail not, Dated Salem June the 2^d 1692:

John Hathorne Jonathan Corwin Affifts.

I doe Appoint Sam^{ll} Gibson of Cambridge To Serue this warrant To Effect. June 2^d 1692.

SAN^{ll} GOOKIN Marsh^{ll} for Mddx.

June 2^d 1692. J haue Appehended the aboue named Elizebeth paine and delivered her unto the Sheriff of the County of Essex att Salem in ye County afores^d in order to her examination and waite in expectation of the above s^d Elizabeth Fosdick by mee.

June 3, 92 J haue all so apprehended the body of Elizabeth sfosdick of mauldin and delivered her to the above said Sheriff of Essex.

Sam'll Gibson ye marsh dep.

Deacon Edward putnam and Thomas Rayment both of Salem Village Complained on behalfe of theire Majessties against Mary Ireson the wife of Benjamin Ireson of Lyn husbandman for Sundry acts of Witchcraft by her Committed Lately on ye bodys of Mary Waren Susana Shelden and Mary Walcot and others of Salem Village whereby great hurt hath beene donne to theire bodys therefore Craves Justice,

Salem June 4th 1692.

alfo Eliz both Abe Williams Ann Putnam alfo

Edward Putnam the mark of Thomas + Rayment

To the Sheriffe of the County of Essex or his de-

putie or constable in Lyn.

You are in theire Majests names hereby required to apprehend and brig before vs Mary Ireson ye wife of Benjamin Ireson of Lyn husbandman on Munday next about ten of ye Clock in the forenoon at ye house of Thomas Beadles in Salem who stands Charged on behalfe of theire Majests with having Committed Sundry acts of Witchcraft on ye bodys of Marry Warren, Susanah Shelden Mary Walcot and others whereby great hurt is donne to theire bodys, in order to her Examination Relateing to the aboue fd premises faile not.

Dated Salem June 4t 1692.

JOHN HATHORNE BARTHO GEDNEY peace IONATHAN CORWIN

Examination of George Burrough.

The examination of Geo: Burrough. 9 May;-1692.

Being ask wm he partook of the Lords supper, he being (as he said) in full comunion at Roxbury.

He answered is was so long since he could not tell: yet he owned he was at meeting one Sab: at Boston part of the day, and the other a Charlestown part of a Sab: when that sacrament happened to be at both, yet did not partake of either. He denyed that his house as Casko was haunted, yet he owned there were Toads. He denyed that he made his wife swear, that she could not write to his father Ruck without his approbation of her letter to her Father. He owned that none of his children, but the eldest was Baptized The above was in private none of the Bewitched being present, At his entry into the Room many (if not all of the Bewitched) were greviously tortured.

1. Sus. Sheldon testifyed that Burroughs two wives appeared in their winding sheets, and said that man killed them.

He was bid to look upon Sus. Sheldon,

He looked back and knockt down all (or most), of the afflicted wo stood behind him.

Sus: Sheldon . . (one line gone) the foldiers

2. Mary Lewes deposition going to be read and he lookt upon her and she fell into a dreadful and tedious fit,

3. Mary Walcot
4 Eliz Hubbard
Susan Sheldon

Testimony going to be read
and they all fell into fitts

Susan Sheldon

5 Ann Putman jun^r

affirmed each of them that
he bought the Book
and w^d have them
write.

Being ask^t w^t he thought of these things. He answered it was an amazing and humbling Providence, but he understood nothing of it and he said (some of you may observe, that) when they begin to name my name, they cannot name it.

Ann Putman junr Testifyed that his 2 wives & 2, Children were destroyed by him.

The Bewitched were so tortured that Authority ordered them to be taken away some of them.

6. Sarah Bibber testifyed that he had hurt her, tho she had not seen him personally before as she knew.

Abig. Hobbs.

Deliverance Hobbs
Elizar Keiser

Capt Willard
Jno Brown
Jno Wheldon

Capt Putman testifyed about the Gun.

Capt Wormwood testifyed about the Gun and the Mallassoes He denyed that about the nalassoes About the Gun he said he took it before the lock and rested it upon his breast,

John Brown testifyed about a bbl Cyder.

He denyed that his family was affrighted by a white calf in his house

Capt Putman testifyed that he made his wife en-

ter into a covenant. 11 May 1692.

Abig: Hobbs in prison affirmed that Geo. Burroughs in his shape appeared to her, and urged her to set her hand to the Book, which she did, and after-wards in his own person he acknowledged to her, that he had made her set her hand to the Book.

The original minutes (of which the above is a true copy) is in the possession of I. F. Andrews Esq. and was found among Judge Hathornes papers. Aug. 8. 1843.

I. B. Curwine

Summons v. Geo. Burrough.

Wm & Mary by ye Grace of God of England L.S. and Scotland ffrance & Ireland King defendr of ye faith &c²

To James Greenslit Greeting—

Wee comand you all Excuses set apart to be and personally appr at ye next Court of Oyer and Termina held at Salem on ye first Tuesday in August next There to Testify ye Truth on certain Judict-

ments to be Exhibited against George Burroughs and not depart ye Court without lycense or leave of state of Court hereof faile not on penalty of One hundred poundes money to be leuied on your Goods chattels &c^a Dated in Salem July 26th 1692.

To ye Sheriffe of Essex. Step. Sewall, Cle.

July 26th 1692. J have Sumoned the within named James Greinsley according to this within Sub. pena to Give in his Euidence att the time and place within mentioned. by me

GEO HERRICK Dept. Sheriff.

View of body of Geo. Burroughs.

Wee whoes names are under written having received an order from ye freise for to search ye bodyes of George Burroughs and George Jacobs wee find nothing upon ye body of ye above sayd burroughs but we is naturall, but upon ye body of George Jacobs wee find 3 tetts wen according to ye best of our Judgments wee think is not naturall for wee run a pinn through 2 of ym and he was not sinceible of it, one of them being within his mouth upon ye Inside of his right cheake and 2nd upon his right shoulder blade an a 3rd upon his right shipp.

Ed. Welch sworne
Will. Gill sworne.

Zeb. Hill Jurat

John Bare Jurat.

Tom flint Jurat

Tom West sworne

Sam Morgan sworne

Samuel Webber v. Geo. Burroughs.

Samuell Webber aged about 36 yeares Testisieth and sayth yt aboute seauen or eight Yeares agoe J liued at Casco Bay and George Burroughs was then Minester there, and haueing heard much of the great strength of him st Burroughs; he Coming to our house wee ware in discourse aboute the same and he then told mee yt he had put his singers into the Bung of a Barrell of Malases and listed it vp, and carryed it Round him and sett it downe againe. Salem August 2^d 1692.

Jurat in Curia.

Samuell Webber.

Ann Putnam v. Geo. Burroughs.

The Deposition of Ann putnam who testifieth and faith that on 20th of April 1692 at euening she faw the Apperishtion of a minister at which she was greviously affrighted and cried out oh dreadfull: dreadfull here is a minister com, what are Ministers wiches to: whence com you and What is your name for J will complaine of you tho you be A minister: if you be a wizzard: and Immediately i was tortored by him being Racked and allmost choaked by him: and he tempted me to write in his book which J Refused with loud out cries and faid I would not writ in his book tho he tore me al to peaces but tould him that it was a dreadfull thing: that he which was a Minister that should teach children to feare God should com to . perswad poor creatures to give their souls to the devill: Oh, dreadfull dreadfull, tell me your name yt I may know who you are: then againe he tortored me and urged me to writ in his book: which I Refused: and then presently he tould me that his name was George Burroughs and that he had had three wives: and that he had bewitched the Two first of them to death; and that he kiled Mist Lawfon because she was so unwilling to goe from the village and also killed Mr Lawsons child because he went to the eastward with Sir Edmon and preached foe to the fouldiers and that he had bewitched a grate many fouldiers to death at the eastword when Sir Edmon was their, and that he had made Abigail Hobbs a with and seuerall withes more: and he has continwed ever fence; by times tempting me to write in his book and greviously tortoring me by beating pinching and almost choaking me seuerall times a day and he also tould me that he was above a wich he was a conjurer.

Jurat in Curia.

Thomas Putnam, Peter Prescott, Robert Morrell & Ezekiel Cheever v. Geo. Burroughs.

wee whose names are under writen being present with Ann putnam att the time aboue mentioned hard hir declare what is aboue writen what she said she saw and hard from the Apperishtion of Mr George Burroughs and allso beheld hir tortors and perceived her hellish temtations by hir loud out cries J will not J will not writ tho you torment me

al days of my life, and being conversant with hir euer sence have seen hir tortored and coplaining that Mr Burroughs hirt hir, and tempts hir to writ in his book,

Thomas putnam peter prescott
Roburt Morrell,

Ann Putnam declared her above written evidence to be ye truth before ye Jury of Inquest. Augst 3. 92. upon her oath

Ezekiel Cheever made oath to ye latter part of this paper. Jurat in Curia.

Ann Putnam v. Geo. Burroughs.

The deposition of Ann putnam who testifieth and faith that on the 3th of may 1692, at evening I saw the Apperishtion of Mr George Burroughs who greviously tortored me and urged me to writ in his book which I refused then he tould me that his Two first wives would appear to me presently and tell me a grat many lyes but J should not belieue them, then Jmmediately appeared to me the forme of Two women in winding sheats and napkins about their heads, att which J was gratly affrighted, and they turned their faces towards Mr Burroughs and looked very red and angury and tould him that he had been a cruell man to them. and that their blood did crie for vengance against him: and also tould him that they should be cloathed with white Robes in heauen, when he should be cast into hell, and immediately he vanished away, and as soon as he was gon the Two

women turned their faces towards me and looked as pail as a white wall: and tould me that they were Mr Burroughs Two first wives and that he had murthered them: and one tould me that she was his first wife and he stabed her under the left Arme and put a peace of fealing wax on the wound and she pulled aside the winding sheat, and shewed me the place and also tould me that she was in the house Mr parish now lived wr it was don, and the other tould me that Mr Burrough and that wife which he hath now kiled hir in the vessell as she was coming to fee hir friends because they would have one another: and they both charged me that I should tell these things to the Magisstrates before Mr Burroughs face and if he did not own them they did not know but they should appere their: thes moring, also Mis Lawson and hir daughter Ann appeared to me whom I knew, and tould me that Mr Burroughs murthered them, this morning also appered to me another woman in a winding sheat and tould me that she was goodman ffullers first wife and Mr Burroughs kiled hir because there was fum difference between hir husband and him. also on the 9th may dureing the time of his examination he did most greviously torment and afflect mary Walcott mercy lewes Eliz. Hubberd and Abigail williams by pinching pricks and choaking Jurat in Curia. them.

Edward Putnam and Thomas Putnam v. Geo. Burroughs.

we whose names are under writen being present with ann putnam at the times about mentioned, saw hir tortured and hard hir refuse to writ in the book also hard hir declare what is about writen: what she said she saw and hard from the Apperishtion of Mr George Burroghs and from thos which accused him for murthering of them.

Edward putnam Thomas putnam

Ann putnam ownid this har testimony to be the truth uppon her oath before the Juriars of Juquest this 3^d of Agust 92.

Mercy Lewis v. Geo. Burroughs.

the deposition of mircy Lewes who testisieth and saith that one the 7th of may 1692, att evening J saw the apperishtion of Mr George Burroughs whom j very well knew which did greviously tortor me and urged me to writ in his book and then he brought to me a new sashon book which he did not use to bring and tould me J might writ in that book: for that was a book that was in his studdy when J lived with them: but J tould him J did not beleve him for I had been often in his studdy but J never saw that book their: but he tould me that he had severall books in his studdy, which J never saw in his studdy and he could raise the diuell: and now had bewitched Mr. Shep-

pards daughter and J asked him how he could goe to bewitch hir now he was keept at Salem; and he tould me that the divell was his farvant, and he fent him in his shap to doe it, then he againe tortored me most dreadfully and threatened to kill me for he said J should not witnes against him also he tould me that he had made Abigaill Hoobs a wich and severall more then againe he did most dreadfully tortor me as if he would have racked me all to peaces and urged me to writ in his book or elce he would kill me but J tould him J hoped my life was not in the power of his hand and that I would not writ tho he did kill me: the next night he tould me J should not see his Two wifes if he could help it because I should not witnes against him: this 9th may mr Burroughs carried me up to an exceeding high mountain and shewed me all the Kingdoms of the earth and tould me that he would give them all to me if I would writ in his book, and if J would not he would thro me down and brake my neck: but J tould him they ware non of his to give and J would not writ if he throde me down on 100 pichforks: also on the 9th may being the time of his examination mr. George Burroughs did most dreadfully torment me: and also seueral times sence.

marce lwis uppon har oath did owne this har testimony to be the truth before the Juriors for Juquest; agust 3: 92.

Thomas Putnam Edward Putnam v. Geo. Burroughs.

we whose names are under writen being present hard mircy lewes declare what is above written what she said she saw and hard from the Apperishtion of Mr George Burroughs and also beheld hir tortors which we cannot express for sume times we wore redy to fear that euery joint of hir body was redy to be displaced: also we perceived hir hellish temtations by hir loud out cries mr Burroughs J will not writ in your book tho you doe kil me.

Thomas putnam Edward Putnam. Jurat in Curia.

Simon Willard v. Geo. Burroughs.

The Deposition of Simon Willard aged about forty two years sayth J being at ye house of Mr Robt Lawrance at sfalmoth in Casco Bay in Septembr 1689 sd Mr Lawrance was commending Mr George Borroughs his strength: saying that we none of us could doe what he could doe: for sd Mr Borroughs can hold out this gun with one hand; Mr. Borroughs being there: sayd J held my hand here behind ye lock and took it up, and held it out, J sd deponant saw Mr Borroughs put his hand on ye gun: to show us: how he held it and where he held his hand, and saying there he held his hand when he held sd gun out: but J saw him not hold it out then, sd gun was about seven foot barrill

and very hevie J then tryed to hold out fd gun with both hands, but could not do it long enough to take fight. Simon Willard

Simon willard owned to ye Jury of inquest, that ye above written evidence is ye truth,

Augst 3: 1692.

Jurat in Curia.

W" Wormall v. Geo. Burroughs.

Cap^t W^m Wormall Sworne to y^e above and y^t he faw him Raife it from ye ground, himselfe.

Jurat in Curia.

The Deposition of Simon Willard aged about 42 years saith J being at Saco in ye year 1689 some in Capt Ed Sarjants garison was speaking of mr George Borroughs his great strength saying he could take a barrill of molasses out of a Cannoe or boat alone, and that he could take it in his hands or arms out of ye Cannoo or boat and carry it and set it on ye shore and mr Burroughs being there sayd that he had carryed one barrill of molasses or sider out of a cannoo that had like to have done him a displeasure: some Borroughs intimated as if he did not want strength to do it but ye disadvantage of ye shore was such, that his foot slipping in the sand: he had liked to have strained his legg.

Simon Willard

Simon Willard ownd to ye Jury of inquest, that ye above written evidence is ye truth.

Jurat in Curia.

Sarah Vibber v. Geo. Burroughs.

The deposition of farah viber who testisieth and faith that on the 9th day of may 1692. as J was agoeing to Salem village J saw the apperishtion of a little man like a minister with a black coat on and he pinched me by the arme and bid me goe along with him but J tould him J would not but when J came to the village J saw theire Mr George Burroughs or his Apparance most greviously torment and afflect mary walcott mercy luis Elizabeth Hubbert Ann putnam and abigaill williams by pinching twisting & almost choaking them to death also severall times sence mr George Burrougs or his Apperance has most greviously tormented me with variety of tortors and I beleue in my heart that mr George Burroughs is a dreadfull wizzard and that he has most greviously tormented me and the aboue mentioned parlons by his acts of wichcraft.

Sarah Viber declared to ye Jury of inquest that the above written evidence is the truth. Augst 3: 1692. the which she owned on her oath

Jurat in Curia.

Eliza Hubbard v. Geo. Burroughs.

May ye 9. 1692. Elizabeth bubord aged about 17 yers faith that ye last second day at night: There apeared a little black heard man to me in blackish aparill J asked him his name and he told me his name was borrous, Then he tooke a booke out

of his pocket: and opened it and bid me set my hand to it I tould him I would not; ye lines in this book was read as blod, then he pinched me twife and went away: The next morning he appeared to me againe and tould me he was aboue a wizard; for he was a conjurar and fo went away but fins that he hath apeared to me euery day & night uery often and urged me uery much to fet my hand to his book, and to run a way telling me if I would do foe J should be well and that J should need feare no body: and withall tormented me seuerall ways euery time he came exept that time he told me he was a conjuror: This night he asked me very much to fet my hand to his book or else he sayed he would kill me; withall tortoring me uery much by biting and pinching squesing my body and running pins into me, also on the 9th may 1692. being the time of his examination mr George Burroughs or his Apperance did most greviously afflect and torment the bodyes of mary walcott mercy lewes Ann putnam and Abigail williams for if he did but look upon them he would strick them down or almost choak them to death also severall times sence he has most dreadfully afflicted and tormented me with variety of torments and I beleue in my heart yt mr George Burroughs is a dreadfull wizzard and that he has very often tormented me and also the above named parsons by his acts of wichcraft. Jurat in Curia.

Eliz. Hubbard declared ye above written evidence to be ye truth, upon her oath, that she had taken:

this she owned before ye Jury of inquest: Augss 3. 1692.

Summons v. Geo. Burroughs.

William & Mary by ye Grace of God of England Scotland ffrance & Jreland King & Queen defendrs of ye faith &c²

mr Jno Ruck mrs Eliz: Ruck mr Thomas Ruck and Samuel Ruck,

To Capt William Worwood Greeting

Wee comand you all Excuses set apart to be and personally appear at ye present Court of Oyer & Termina held at Salem there to Testify ye truth to ye best of our knowledge on certain Judictm¹⁵ Exhibited against m¹⁵ George Burrough: hereof fail not: dated in Salem Augt 5th 1692. and in ye fourth year of Our Reign.

STEPHEN SEWAL Clee

August 5th The persons aboue Named where all euery of them sumoned to appeare as aboue by me, by me Joseph Neale Constb in in Salem.

Thos. Greenslett v. Geo. Burroughs.

Tho Greenslett aged about forty years being deposed Testisieth yt about the first breaking out of the last Indian warre being att the house of Capt Joshua Scotts att Black point, he saw mr George Burrows who was lately executed at Salem list a gunn of six foot Barrell or thereabouts putting the fore singer of his right hand into the musell of so gunn and that he held it out att arms end only wth that finger, and further this deponent testysieth that at the same time he saw the sd Burrows Take up a sull barrll of molasses wth butt two of singers of one of his hands in the bung and carry itt from ye stage head to the door att the end of the stage wth out letting itt downe and that Liut Richd Hunniwell and John Greinslett were then present and some others yt are dead.

Thomas Greenslit

Deliverance Hobbs v. Geo. Burroughs.

Deliverance Hobs Confession.

That they were both at the generall meeting of the Witches in M^r Parishes Mr. Burroughs preached and administered to them.

Hannah Harris v. Geo. Burroughs.

The depotion of Hannah Harris Aiged twenty feuen years or thare abouts Testissieth and saith that she lived at ye hous of Georg Burros at salmouth and the aboue said hannah harres many times hath taken notis that when she hath had anny Discorse with the aboue said burross wife when the aboue said burros was from hom that apone his Returne he hath often scolded wife and told her that he knew what they said when he was abroad and surther saith that apone a time when his wife had Laine Jn Not aboue one weake that he fell out with his wife and kept her by Discorce at the Dore till

that ye aboue said hannah harres was asraid she would dye and thay called In thare Naibours and the aboue said burroses Daughter told One of ye women that was thare ye cause of her mothers Ellness and ye aboue said burros chid his Daughter for telling and ye aboue said burros came to the aboue said hannah harres and told her Jf that his wif Did otherwise then well she should not tell of it & the aboue said hannah harres told him that she would not be confined to any such thing.

Jurat in Curia.

Benja Hutchinson v. Geo. Burroughs.

Beniemin huchension sd that one the 21st aprell 92. abegeral Wiluams sd that there was a lettell black menester that Liued at Casko bay he told me fo and sd that he had kild 3 wifes two for himself and one for mr Losen and that he had made nine weches in this plafe and fd that he could hold out the heuest gun that is in Casko bay wth one hand we no man can Case hold out wt both hands this Is about a 11 a clock and J ask her where about this lettel man stood so she just where the Cart wheell went along J had a 3 graned irne fork in my hand and I thru it wher she said he stud and she prefently fell in a letel feet and when it twas ouer Said She you have toren his coot for I herd it tare wher abouts faid I one won fide faid she, then we come into the house of left. Ingerfall and I went into the great roome and abigle come in and faid ther he

stands J said wher wher and presently drood my rapyer but he emmedetly was gon as she said then faid she ther is a gray catt then i said wher abouts doth she stand ther sd she than then I struck with my rapper then she fell in a fitt and when it was ouer she said you kild hur and immedatly Sary good com and carrid hur away, this was about 12 a clock. The same day after lecttor in ye said: Ingersolls chamber abigaill wiliams mary walcot said that goody hobs of topfell bitt mary walcot by ye foot then both falling into a fit as soone as it was ouer ye faid william hobs and his wife goe both of them a longe ye table ye said hucheson tooke his rapier stabed gooddy hobs one ye side as abigaill williams and mary walcot saide ye said abigaill and mar said ye roome was full of ym then ye said hucheson & Ely putnam stabed with their raperres at a uentor yn faid mary and abigell you have killed a greet black woman of Stonintown and an Indian that come with her for ye flore is all couered with blood then ye faid mary and abigaill looked out of dores and faid ye faw a greet company of them one a hill & there was three of them lay dead ye black woman and the indian and one more yt ye knew not.

This being about 4 a clock in ye after noone.

Susannab Shelden v. Geo. Burroughs.

The Complaint of Susannah Shelden against mr burros which brought a book to mee and told mee if i would not set my hand too it hee would tear mee to peesses i told him i would not then hee told mee hee would starve me to death then the next morning hee tould mee hee could not starve mee to death, but hee would choake mee that my uittals should doe me but litl good then he tould mee his name was borros which had preached at the vilage the last night hee came to mee and asked mee whither i would goe to the uillage to morrow to witnes against him i asked him if he was examened then he told hee was then i told him i would goe then hee told mee hee would kil mee beefour morning then hee apeared to mee at the hous of nathanniel ingolfon and told mee hee had been the death of three children at the eastward and had kiled two of his wifes the first hee smouthered and the fecond he choaked and killed two of his own children.

Major Brown, Thomas Ruck, Thomas Evans, Sarah Wilson, Martha Tyler & als v. Geo. Burroughs.

Memorand^m in m^r George Burroughs Tryall befides ye written Euidences y^t was Sworne Seull who gave y^{rs} by word of mouth Majo^r Browne holding out a heavy Gun wth one hand.

Thomas Ruck of his sudden coming in after ym

and yt he could tell his thoughts.

Thomas Euans yt he carried out Barrels Molosses and meat &c out of a canoo whilst his mate went to ye fort for hands to help out wth ym Sarah Wilfon Confest yt ye night before mr Burroughs was Executed yt yr was a great meeting of ye witches Nigh Sarjt Chandlers yt mr Bur. was yr and yy had

ye Sac^t and after yy had done he tooke leaue and bid y^m Stand to y^r faith, and not own any thing.

Martha Tyler faith ye fame wth Sarah Wilson &

Seuerall others,

Indictment v. Abigail Faulkner No. 1.

Effex in the Prouince of the Massachusetts elmi & Mariee Anglice &c Bayin New Englands. Quarto Annoq Domini 1692.

The Iurers for or Sour Lord and Lady King and Queen do present that Abigaill ffalkner Wife of ffrancis ffalkner of Andivor In the County of Essex aforid Husbandm on or about the beginning of August In the year aforesaid and divers other dayes and times as well before as after Certaine Detestable Arts called Witchcraft and Sorceries Wickedly Mallistiously and felloniously hath vsed practised & Exercised at and in the Towne of Boxford in the County of Essex asoresaid in vpon and against One Martha Sprague of Boxford aforesaid Single Woman by which faid wicked Acts the faid Martha Sprague the day and year aforesaid and divers other dayes and times both before and after was and is Torturd Afficted Confumed Pined Wasted and Tormented and also for Sundry other Acts of Witchcraft by the faid Abigaill ffalkner Comitted and done Before and Since that time against the Peace of or Sour Lord and Lady the King and Queen theire Crowne and dignity and the forme of the Stattute in that Case made and Prouided.

Indictment v. Abigail Faulkner No. 2.

Essex in the province Anno RR⁵ & Reginee Guliof the Massachusetts elmi & Marie Angliee &c². Bayin New England is Quarto Annoq Domini 1692.

The Jurors for our Sour Lord and Lady the King and Queen doe present That Abigaill ffalkner wife of ffrances falkner of Andivor In the County of Effex Hushandman in and About the begining of August In the Yeare aforesaid and divers and dayes and times as well before as after Certaine detestable arts called Witchcraft and Sorceries Wickedly Mallitiously and felloniously hath vsed practised and Exercised at and in the Towne of Andivor in the County of Effex aforesaid in upon and against one Sarah Phelps daughter of Samuel Phellps of Andivor aforesaid husbandman by which said Wicked Acts the fd Sarah Phellps the day and yeare aforefaid and divers other days and times both before and after was and is Tortured Aflicted Consumed Pined Wasted and Tormented, and also for fundry other acts of Witchcraft by the said Abigaill sfalkner Comitted and done before and fince that time against the peace of our Sour Lord and Lady the King and Queen theire Crowne and Dignity and the forme of ye Stattute In yt case made and Prouided.

Examination of Abigail Faulkner.

Abig¹ ffolkner examined Augst 11: 1692. M^r Hauthorne: M^r Corwin: and Cap. Higgin-R^a fon pressent when she was brought into ye room: ye afflicted persons fell down. mr Ha: you are heare aprehended for witchcrast: but answd J know nothing of it: with ye cast of her eye Mary Walcot and ye rest of ye afflicted mary waren and others fell down: it was sd to her do you not see. She sd yes but it is ye deuill dos it in my shape: mary Walcot sd she had seen her 2 monthes: a good while agoe but was not hurt by her till last night: An Putnam sayd she had seen sd sfalkn but was not hurt by her till last night and then she pulled me off my hors: mary warin sd she had seen her in company with other witches: but was not hurt by her till lately.

Mary Warin and others of ye afflicted were struck down into fitts and helped up out of their fitts by a touch of Abigl ffolkner hand: she was urged to confes ye truth for ye creddit of hir Town: her Couz. Eliz Ionson urged her with that but she refused to do it saying god would not require her

to confess that yt she was not gilty of.

Phelpses daughter complayned her afflicting her: but she denyed that she had any thing to doe with witchcraft: she sd sfalkn had a cloth in her hand, that when she squeezed in her hand ye afflicted fell into grevous fits as was observed: ye afficted sayd Dan Eames and Capt ffloyd was upon that cloth when it was upon ye table.

She fayd she was forry they were afflicted: but she was told and it was observed she did not shed a tear: mary warin was pulled und ye table and was

helpd out of her fitt by a touch of sid ffaulkn^r she sid she had looked on some of these afflicted: when they came to Andov^r and hurt them not: but she was told it was before she had began to afflicte them she was told that it was reported she used to conjure with a seiv. but she sid it was not so that story

was cleared up: and

August 30: 92. Abig! ffokner before their Majestrs Justices at first denyed witchcraft as she had done before: but afterwards she owned that she was Angry at what folk id: when her Couz. Eliz. Jonson was taken up and folk laught and sd her sister Jonson would come out next and she did look with an evil eye on ye afflicted persons and did confent that they should be afflicted becave they were ye caus of bringing her kindred out and the did wish them ill and her spirit being raised she did pinch her hands together: and she knew not but that ye devil might take that advantage but it was ye devil not she that afflicted them; this she said she did at Capt Chandlers garison: ye Right after Eliz. Jonson had bin examined before Capt Bradstreet in ye day.

This is ye substance of what sd Abig folkners examination was taken out of my characters:

Attest, Simon Willard.

The aboue [d Examination was before John Hathorne Just peace.

Rose Foster v. Abigail Faulkner.

The deposition of Rose ffoster who testifieth & faith I have ben most greviously afflected and tor-

mented by Abigail ffalkner of Andeueour also J have seen Abigail ffalkner or hir Apperance most greviously afflect and torment martha Sprague sarah phelps and Hannah Bigsbe sence the beginning Augst and J veryly beleue that Abigail ffalkner is a with and that she has often afflected me and the afforesaid person by acts of withcraff.

The abouenamed Rose ffoster affirmed beffore ye Jrand inquest that ye aboue written evidence is truth

vppon her oath Sept 17: 1691.

Mary Walcott v. Abigail Faulkner.

The deposition of mary walcott who testisseth and saith that about the 9th August 1692. J was most dreadfully afflected by a woman that tould me her name was Abigail sfalkner but on the 11th of August being the day of the examination of Abigail sfalkner she did most dreadfully afflict me dureing the time of hir examination J saw Abigail sfalkner or hir Apperance most greviously afflect and torment sarah phelps and Ann putnam and J veryly beleve in my heart that Abigail sfalkner is a with and that she has often afflected me and the afforesaid said persons by acts of withcrast.

The above named mary Walcott affirmed ye Grand inquest that ye aboue written Euidences is

truth vpon her oath 17 Sept.: 1692.

Martha Sprague v. Abigail Faulkner.

The deposition of Martha Spreague who testifieth and saith that: J have ben most greuiously af-

flected and tormented by Abigail stalkner of Andevor sence the begining of August 1692. also J saw Abigail stalkner or hir Apperance most greviously torment and afflict: Hannah Bigsbe and Rose stofter and Sarah phelps and J veryly beleue in my heart that Abigaill stalkner is a wisth and that she has often afflected me and severall others by acts of witchcraft

The about named Martha sprague affirmed before ye grand inquest that ye about written evidence is truth vpon her oath 17 Sept 1692.

Mary Warren v. Abigail Falkner.

The deposition of marry warren who testifieth and saith that Abigail stalkner of Andevor did most greviously afflict and torment me on 11th August 1692 dureing the time of hir examination for if she did but look upon me she would strick me downe or almost choak me also on the day of her examination J saw Abigail stalkner or hir Apperance most greviously afflect and torment mary walcott Ann putnam and Sarah phelps and J veryly beleue that Abigail stalkner is a with and that she has often afflected me and severall other by acts of withcraft

Mary Waren ownd upon her oath to be grand Inquest that ye above written evidence is ye truth. Sept 17: 1692.

Sarab, Phelps v. Abigail Faulkner.

The deposition of Sarah phelps who testifieth and saith that about the beginning of August 1692 J

was most greviously afflected and tormented by Abigail sfalkner or hir Apperance: but most dreadfully she did torment on the 11 August being the day of her examination for if she did but look upon me she would strick me down or almost choake me: also sence the begining of August J have seen Abigaill sfalkner or hir apperance most greviously afflect and torment mary Walcott Ann putnam and Martha sprague and J veryly beleue in my heart that Abigail sfalkner is a with and that she has very offten afflected me and the afforesaid persons by acts of withcraft.

The aboue named Sarah Phelps affirmed before ye Grand inquest that ye aboue written evidence is truth vpon her oath ye aboue written evidence is truth vpon her oath ye 17 Sept 1692. Jurat.

Dorothy Faulkner, Abigail Faulkner, Martha Tyler, Johannah Tyler, Sarah Wilson, Joseph Draper v. Abigail Faulkner.

dorritye fforkner and Abigale fforknor children to Abigall fforknor of Andouer now in prison confarsed befor the honoured majastrats vpon theire examination heare in Salam the 16 day of this enstant subtember 1692 that thire mother apared and mayd them witches and also marthy Tyler Johanah Tyler and Sarih willson and Joseph draper all acknowlidge that they ware lead into that dreadfull sin of witchcraft by her meanse the fores Abigale forknor The above named persons each and every

one of them did affirm before ye Grand inquest that the aboue written evidences are truth: 17 sept 1692.

Ann Putpam v. Abigail Faulkner.

The deposition of Ann putnam who testisieth and saith that about the 9th of August 1692. J was afflected by a woman which tould me her name was stalkner: but on the 11th of August being the day of the Examination of Abigail stalkner she did most dreadfully torment me during the time of hir Examination also on the day of hir Examination J saw Abigaill stalkner or hir Apperance most greviously afflect and torment mary walcott sarah phelps and J beleue that Abigal stalkner is a wicth and that she has often afflected me and seueral others by acts of witchcraft.

The above named Ann Putnam affirmed before ye Grand inquest that ye aboue written evidence is the truth vpon her oath.

Sworne before ye grand Jury. Sept. 17. 1692.

Indictment v. Ann Foster.

Effex in the Province of the Maffachuetts, mi & Mariee Angliee &ca Bay in New England fs.

Anno R Rs & Reginee Guliel-mi & Mariee Angliee &ca Quarto Annoq Domini 1692.

The Juriors for our Sour Lord & Lady King & Queen doe present that Ann sfoster of Andivor In the County of Essex Widow Jn and vpon the sisteenth day

of July Ph the year aforefd and divers other days and times as well before as after Certaine Detestable arts called Witchcraft and Sorceries wickedly and Malitiously and felloniously hath vsed practised & Exercised at and in the Towne of Salem in the County of Effex aforesaid in vpon and against one Eliza Hobert of Sallem in the County of Effex aforefaid Single Woman by which faid wicked arts the faid Elizabeth Hobert the day and yeare aforefaid and divers other days and times both before and after was and is Tortured afficted Confumed Pined wasted and Tormented and also for fundry other acts of witchcraft by the faid Ann foster Comitted and done before and fince that time against the peace of or Sour Lord and Lady the King and Queen theire Crowne and Dignity, and the forme of the Stattute in that Case made and Provided.

The examination and Confession of Ann stoster at Salein Vilage 15 July 1692, after a while Ann stoster confessed that the deuil apered to her in the shape of a bird at several Times, such a bird as she never saw the like before, and that she had had this gift (viz. of striking ye assisted downe wth her eye ever) since, and being ask why she thought yt bird was the divill she answered because he came white and vanished away black and yt the divill told her yt she should have this gift and yt she must believe him and told her she should have prosperity, and she said yt he had apeared to her three times and was always as a bird, and the last time was a bout half a yeare since, and sat upon a table had two legs &

great eyes and y^t it was the second time of his apearance that he promised her prosperity and y^t it was Carriers wife about three weeks agoe y^t came and

perswaded her to hurt these people.

16 .July. 1692. Ann ffoster Examined confesed yt it was Goody Carier yt made her a witch yt she came to her in person about Six yeares agoe & told her if the would not be a witch ye divill should tare her in peices and cary her away at wch time she promifed to Serue the divill, yt she had bewitched a hog of John Loujoys to death and that she had hurt some persons in Salem Vilage, yt goody Carier came to her and would have her bewitch two children of Andrew Allins and that the had then two popets made and stuck pins in them to bewitch ye faid children by which one of them dyed ye other very fick, that she was at the meeting of the witches at Salem Village, yt Goody Carier came and told her of the meeting and would have her goe, so they got upon Sticks and went faid Jorny and being there did see mr Burroughs ye minister who spake to them all, and this was about two months agoe that ther was then twenty five persons meet together, that she tyed a knot in a Rage and threw it into the fire to hurt Timo. Swan and that she did hurt the rest yt complayned of her by squesing popets like them and so almost choaked them.

18 July 1692. Ann ffoster Examined confessed yt ye deuil in shape of a man apered to her wth Goody carier about six yeare since when they made

her a witch and that she promised to serue the divill two yeares, upon weh the Diuill promised her prosperity and many things but neuer performed it, that the and martha Carier did both ride on a stick or pole when they went to the witch meeting at Salem Village and that the stick broak: as they ware caried in the aire aboue the tops of the trees, and they fell but she did hang fast about the neck of Goody Carier and ware presently at the vilage, that she was then much hurt of her Leg, she further faith that she hard some of the witches say, that there was three hundred and fiue in the whole Country and that they would ruin that place ye Vilage, also saith ther was was present att that metting two men besides mr Burroughs ye minister and one of them had gray haire, she saith yt she formerly frequented the publique metting to worship god. but the divill had fuch power over her yt she could not profit there and yt was her undoeing: the faith yt about three or foure yeares agoe Martha Carier told her she would bewitch James Hobbs child to death and the child dyed in twenty four hours.

21. July: 92. Ann ffoster Examined Owned her former conffesion being read to her and further conffesed that the discourse amongst ye witches at ye meeting at Salem village was that they would afflict there to set up the Diuils Kingdome. This confesion is true as witnese my hand:

the marke of Ann + ffoster

Ann ffoster Signed and Owned the aboue Examination and Conffesion before me

John Higginson Just peace Salem Septembr 1692.

Indictment v. Mary Lacey.

Essex in the Province of the Massachusetts lielmi & Mariee & Angliee
Bay in New England & Quarto Annoq. Domini
1692.

The Jurors for or Sour Lord and Lady the King and Queen doe present that Mary Lacey Wife of Lawrence Lacey of Andivor in the County of Effex Husbandman vpon the Twentieth day of July In the year aforesaid and divers other dayes and times as well before as after Certaine detestable Arts called Witchcraft and Soceries wickedly Mallitiously and ffelloniously hath vsed Practised and Exercised at and in the Towne of Salem in the County of Effex aforesaid in vpon and against one Elizabeth Hobert of Salem aforefaid Single Woman by which Said wicked Arts the faid Eliza: Hobert ye day and year aforesaid and divers other dayes and Times Both Before and after was and is Tortured afficted Confumd Pined Wasted and Tormented and also for Sundry other Acts of witchcraft by the said Mary lacey comitted and done Before and fince that time against the Peace of or Sour Lord and Lady the King and Queen theire Crowne and Dignity and. the forme of the Stattute in that Case made and Provided

Examination of Mary Lacey.

21 July 1692. A part of Goody Laceyes 2^d Examination and confession to be added to the first. Before maj^r Gedney, M^r Hauthorn & M^r Corwin.

When Goody foster was upon examination the second tyme, Goody Lacey was brought in also, who said to her mother softer, we have forsaken Jesus christ, and the devil hath got hold of us. how

shall we get cleare of this evil one.

the confeses that her mother foster, Goody Carryer and herself rid upon a pole to Salem Village meeting, and that the pole broke a litle way off from the village, she fayth further that about 2 or 4 yeares agoe the faw mistress Bradburry Goody How and Goody nurse baptised by the old Serpent at newburry falls And that he dipped theire heads in the water and then faid they wer his and he had power over them, she sayes there were Six baptised at that tyme who were some of the chieff or heigher powers, and that there might be neare about a hundred in company at that tyme. It being asked her, after what maner she went to Newberry falls, anfwered the devil carryed her in his armes, And Sayth further that if she doe take a ragg, clout or any such thing and Roll it up together, And Imagine it to represent such and such a persone. Then whatfoever she doth to that Ragg or clout so rouled up, The persone represented thereby will be in lyke manner afflicted. It being againe asked her if what the had faid was all true. She answered affirmatively, confessing also that Andrew Carryer was witch.

She confesses that she afflicted Timothy Swan in Comp² with mistress Bradbury Goody Carryer, Richard Carryer and her own daughter mary lacey, The afflicted him with an Jron spindle and she thinks they did once with a tobacko pipe.

She said she was in Swans chamber and it being ask't which way she got in answered the devil helpt her in at the window: She also remembers the afflicting of Ballards wise, and yt Richd Carryer was

yr alfo,

She said further the devil take away her memory and will not let her remember.

Eliz: Hubbard v. Mary Lacey.

Eliz: Hubert affirmed to ye grand Juquest that she hath seen Mary lascy sen afflict Joseph Ballards wife of Andover she sayth also that so Mary Lascy did at ye time of her examination afflict her so Eliz Hubbert and mercy Lewis and she dos beleue so mary lascy was a witch and afflicted me and ye above so persons by witchcraft but she never afflicted her so Hubberd since she consessed.

Mercy Lewis v. Mary Lacey.

upon oath Sept¹ 14: 1692.

Mercy lewis affirmed to ye grand Inquest that he saw Mary Lascy sen¹ afflict Joseph Ballards wife of Andover she saith also: that mary Lascy sen² af-

flicted her s^d Lewis and Eliz Hubbert at y^e time of her examination but since she has not hurt her: she sayth she believes s^d Lacy was a witch and afflicted her and ye aboue named persons by witchcraft Sept^r ye 14: 1692. upon oath.

Mary Warren v. Mary Lacey.

Mary Warin affirmed to ye Grand Jnquest that she saw Mary Lascy sent Afflict Eliz: Hubbert & Mercy lewis at ye time of her examination: she owned it upon her former oath Sept 14: 1692.

Indictment v. Rebecca Eames No. 1.

Essex in the Province of the Massachusetts Bayin New England fs.

Anno R R³ Reginee Gulielmi & Mariee Angliee &c Quarto Annoq Domini 1692.

The Juriors for our Sour Lord and Lady the King and Queen doe present. That Rebekah Eames wife of Robert Eames of Boxford in the County of Essex aforesaid In the yeare asoresed and divers other dayes and times as well before as After Certaine Detestable Arts called witchcraft and Sorceries Wickedly Mallitiously and sfelloniously hath vsed practised and Exercised at and in the Towne of Andivor in the County of Essex aforesed in vpon and against one Timothy Swan aforesed by which said wicked acts the said Timothy Swan the day and yeare aforesed and Divers other dayes and times both before and was and is Tortured afsicted Consumed Wasted Pined and Tormented and also for Sundry

other Acts of Witchcraft by the said Rebekah Eames Comitted and done before and fince that time against the peace of our Sour Lord and Lady the King and Queen theire Crowne and dignity and the forme in the Stattute In that case made and provided.

(Endorsement)

She acknowledged yt she aflicted Timo Swann.

Indictment v. Rebecca Eames. No. 2.

Essex in the province Ano R R³ & Reginee Gulielof the Massachuetts mi & Mariee Angliee &c Bay, in New England s

The Juriors for or Sour Lord and Lady the King and Queen doe present that Rebekah Eames Wife of Robert Eames of Boxford in ye County aforesd About twenty six yeares past in the Towne of Boxford in the County aforesaid Wickedly and felloniously A covenant with The evill Speritt the Devill did make in and by which Wicked Couenant Shee the said Rebekah Eames hir Soule and body to the Deuill did giue and promised to Serve and obey him and Keep his wayes Contrary to the Stattute of the first yeare of ye Reigne of King James the first in that case made and Provided And Against the peace of our Soveraigne Lord and Lady the King and Queen their Crowne and Dignity

Examination of Rebecca Eames.

Rebecca Eames examined before Salem, Majeftrats, Augst 19: 1692. She owned she had bin in

ye fnare a monthe or 2: and had bin persuaded to it 3 monthes and that ye devil apeared to her like a colt very ugly ye first time but she would not own yt she had bin baptised by him she did not know but yt ye devil did persuade her to renounce god and christ and stolow his wicked wayes and that she did take his Counsell and that she did afflict Timo: Swan she did not know but that ye devil might ask her body and soul and she knows not but yt she did give him soul and body after ward she sd the did do it and that the would forfake god and his works: and ye devil promised her to give her powr to avenge herselfe on them that offended her afterward she sd ye devil apeared to her 7 year agoe and that he had tempted her to ly and had made her to afflict persons but she could not tell their names that she first afflicted 2 who came wt ye devil when he made you a witch A: a ragged girl: they came to gether and they perswaded me to afflict: and I afflicte mary Warin and an other fayr face it is abot a quarter of a year agoe: I did it by sticking of pins: but did you afflict Swan: yes, but I am forry for it: 2. where had you your spear A. I had nothing but an all but was it with yor body or spirit you came to hurt these maydes: A. with my spirit: 2. but can you ask them forgivnes J will fall down on my knees to ask it of them: She would not own that the fignd ye devils book when he askd her body and soul: but he would have had her done it nor to a burch Rign nor nothing: She fd ye devil was in ye Shape of a hors when he

caried her to afflict: but would not own anybody went with her to afflict but ye afflicted sd her son Dan'll went with her to afflict: 2. did you not fay ye Devil baptised yor son daniell. A. he told me so; but; did you not touch the book nor lay yor hand on book nor paper. A: I layd my hand on nothing without it was a peice of board: and did you lay yor hand on ye board when he bid you. A: yes; mary Lascy sd she had given her son Danll to ye devil at 2 years old: and yther apertion told her so: but she could not remember it: she was bid to take warin and lascy by ye hand and beg forgivnes and did so and they forgave her she sd if she had given her fon Dan^{ll} to ye devil it was in an Angry fitt she did not know but she might do it nor I do not know he is a wich but J am afrayd he is: mary lasev saw her son Danll stand before her and sd Dan'll bid his mother not confess he was a Wich: his mother did not know she sd but she might se him for the faw a burlling thing before her: Mary Lascy so she had baptized her son Danll and she had bin babtized in five mile Pond: she sd ye reason the feared Dan'll was a witch: was becaus he used dredfull bad words when he was Angry: and bad wishes; being asked the age of Danl sid he was 28 years old; she was told she had bin long a witch: then, if she gave her son to ye devil at 2 years old she owned she had bin discontented since she had bin in league with ye devil: she knew not but ye devil might come once a day lik a mous or ratt: the fd the knew Sarah parker but did not know her Тa

to be a wich: but she heard she had bin cross in love and ye devil had come to her and kild her: who was with you when you afflicted swan: A. nobody but my fon Danll he was there when I came theether: she would have Danll perswaded to confes but was told she were best to perswade him becaus she knew him to be a wich: she was askt if she was at ye execution: she sd she was at ye hous below ye hill: she saw a few folk: the woman of ye hous had a pin stuck into her foot: but she se she did not doe it: but how do you afflict: A: I Consent to it; but have you bin a wich 26 years: A: no, J cannot remember but 7 years and have afflicted about a quarter of a year: but: if you have bin a wich so long: why did you not afflict before feing you promised to Sen ye devil, A: others did not Afflict before and the devil did not require it: but: doth not ye devil threaten you if you not do what he ses: A, yes he thretens to tere me in peices: but did you use to goe to meeting on Sabbath dayes; yes, but not so often as I should have done: what shape did the devil com in when you layd yor hand on ye board: A. J cannot tell except it was a mous.

Indictment v. Samuel Wardwell No. 1.

Effex in the province Anno R R³ Reginee Guof the Massachusetts lielmi Mariee Angliee & Bay in New Eng-Quarto Annoq. Domini land ss. 1692.

The Juriors for our Sour Lord and Lady the King

and Queen doe present that Samuel Wardell of Andivor In the County of Essex Carpenter on or about the fifteenth day of August In the yeare aforesaid and divers other days and times as well before as after Certaine detestable arts called Witchcraft and Sorceries Wickedly Mallitiously and felloniously hath used practised and Exercised at and in the Towne of Boxford in the County of Essex aforesaid in upon and against one Martha Sprague of Boxford in the County of Essex aforesaid Singlewoman by which said wicked Acts the said Martha Sprague the day and yeare aforesaid and diuers other days and times both before and after was and is Tortured Aflicted Consumed Pined Wasted and Tormented, and also for fundry other Acts of Witchcraft by the faid Samuel Wardell Comitted and done before and fince that time against the peace of our Soueraigne Lord and Lady the King and Queen theire Crowne and dignity And the forme in the Stattute in that case made and Prouided.

Indictment v. Samuel Wardwell No. 2.

Essex in the province of the Massachusetts of the M

The Juriors for our Sou^r Lord and Lady the King and Queen p^rsent Samuel Wardell of Andivor in the County of Essex Carpent^r About Twenty yeares agoe in the Towne of Andivor Jn the County of

Effex aforesaid Wickedly and ffelloniously he the said Samuel Wardell with the Evill Speritt the Devill A Couenant did make Wherin he promised to honor Worship and beliue the devill Contrary to the Stattute of King James the first in that behalfe made and provided, And Against the peace of Sovareigne Lord and Lady the King and Queen theire Crowne and dignity.

Examination of Samuel Wardwell.

The examination and Confession of Sam¹¹ wardwell taken Sep^t 1st 92. before John Higginson Esq of theire majties Justices of peace for the County of Essex.

After the returneing of negative answers to severall questions He said he was sensible he was in the fnare of the devil, he used to be much discontented that he could get no more work done, and that he had been foolishly led along with telling of fortunes, which sometymes came to pass, He used also when any creature came into his field to bid the devil take it, and it may be the devil took advantage of him by that Constable foster of Andover said that this wardwell told him once in the woods that when he was a young man he could make all his cattell come round about him when he pleased. The said wardwell being urged to tell o truth he proceeded thus, That being once in a discontented frame he faw some catts together with the appearance of a man who called himself a prince of the aire & promifed him he should live comfortably and be a cap-

tain and requyred faid wardwell to honor him which he promised to doe and it was about twenty years agoe: He said the reason of his discontent then was because he was in love with a maid named Barker who flighted his love, And the first Apperance of the catt then was behind Capt^t bradstreets house, about a week after that a black man appeared in the day tyme at the same place and called hirself prince and lord and told him the said wardwell he must worship and believe him, and promised as above, with this addition that he should never want for any thing but that the black man had never performed anything, and further that when he would goe to prayer in his family the devil wold begin to be angry. He saith also that at that tyme when the devil appeared and told him he was prince of the aire that then he Syned his book by makeing a marke like a fquare with a black pen and that the devil brought him the pen and Ink: He faith further he couenanted with the devil untill he should arryve to the age of fixty years and that he is now about the age of 46 years And at that tyme the devil promised on his part, as is above exprest, he said it was about a straight agoe since he began to afflict, and confesses that mary Lilly and Hannah Tayler of Ridding were of his company, Further he saith that martha Sprague was the first he afflicted, that the devil put him upon it and threatned him y' unto And that he did it by pinching his coat and buttons when he was discontented, and gave the devil a commission so to doe, He sayes

he was baptized by the black man at Shaw shin river alone and was dypt all over and beleues he renounced his former baptisme

John Higginson

Sam^{ll} Wardwell owned to ye grand Jnquest that ye above written confession was taken from his mouth and that he said it but he self he belyed himselfe he also self it was alone one he knew he should dye for it whether he ownd it or no.

Septr 13th 1692.

Martha Sprague v. Saml Wardwell.

Martha Spreag Aged 16 years Affirmed to ye grand Jnquest: that Sam¹¹ Wardwell has afflicted her both before his examination and at ye time of it by pinching and sticking pinse into her and striking me downe and yesterday when I had a warant to come to court said wardwell did greviously afflict me J also have seen seen self-wardwell afflict Rose stocked and her mother and I veryly believe he is a wizzard and that he afflicted me and ye above mentioned by acts of witchcraft,

Septr 14; 1692 Jurat:

Mary Warrin v. Sam Wardwell.

Mary Warin affirmd to Jury of Inquest that Sam¹¹ Wardwell hath often afflicted her and that he now before ye grand inquest hath afflicted her also she sid that yt on ye day and at ye time of sid wardwels examination he did afflict Martha Spreag and

she veryly beleevs s^d Wardwell is a wizzard and y^t he afflicted her and martha Spreag by witchcraft.

Jurat Sep^t: 14: 1692 upon her oath.

Mary Walcott v. Saml Wardwell.

Mary Walcot affirmed to ye grand Jnquest that she saw Sam¹¹ Wardwell or his Apperition pull Martha Spreag off from her horse as she was riding out of Salem and verily beleevs he did it by witchcraft. Sept¹ 14: 1692 upon oath Jurat.

Ephraim Foster v. Sam' Wardwell.

The deposetion of Ephraim ffoster of Andover aged about thirty four years this deponant testifyeth and sayeth that he heard Samuell Wordwell the prisoner now at the bare tell my wife that she should have a son; which thing is come to pase: and J heard him tell dority Eames hur forten and J have heard said dority say after that she belived wardwell was a witch or els he cold neuer tell what he did and J took knotes that said wardwall would look in their hand and then would cast his eyes down upon ye ground allways before he told Enything this I have both seen and heard seuerall times and about several persons, and yt he could make cattle come to him when he pleased. Jurat in Curia.

Thomas Chandler v. Sam Wardwell.

The tistimony of Thomas Chandler aged about 65 who saith that J have often hard Samuell war-

dle of Andouer till yung person their fortine and he was much adicted to that and mayd sport of it and farther saith not Jurat in Curia.

Joseph Ballard v. Sam' Wardwell.

The testimony of Joseph Ballard of andouer eaged about 41 yeares saith that my brother John Ballard told me that Samuel Wardel told him that J had reported that he had bewitched my wise these wordes ware spoken before J had any knolidg of my wife being assisted by wichcrast after J meting with said Samuel wardel prisnor at the bar J told him that J douteed that he was gilty of hurting my wife for J had no sutch thoughts nor had spoken any such wordes of him or any other person and therefore J doe not know but you are gilty, & surther yt Sam!! Wardwell owned to this deponent that he had spoke it to my brother.

Jurat in Curia,

Abigail Martin, John Bridges v. Sam Wardwell.

the deposition of Abigell marten of Andavr Aged about fixteen years this deponant testifyeth and sayeth that some time last winter Samuel wordwall being at my fathers hows with John sfarnom: J heard said John sarnom ask said wordwall his forteen, which he did and told him that he was in love with a gurl but should be crost and should goe to the Sutherd which said sarnom oned to be his thought said wardwall surther told he had like to be shot with a gon, and should have a foall of from

his horse or should have, which said farnom, after oned that he told right.

And further J heard him tell Jeams bridges his forten that he loued a gurll at forteen years old which said bridges oned to be the truth but cold not imagin how said wordwall knew: for he neuer spake of it; John bridges, father of said ieams bridges sayeth he heard Jeam say J wonder how wordwall cold teell so true

Jurat in Curia, by both.

Indictment v. Mary Parker.

Essex in the Province of the Massachusetts Bayin New England fs

Anno R R³ & Reginee Gublielmi & Mariee Angliee &c Quarto Annoq. Domini 1692.

The Jurors for or Sour Lord and Lady the King and Queen doe present That Mary Parker of Andivor In the County of Essex Widdow ye first day of Septembr In the yeare aforesaid and divers other dayes and Times as well before as after Certaine detestable Arts called Witchcraft and Sorceries Wickedly Mallistiously and felloniously hath vsed practifed and Exercised at and in the Towne of Salem in ye County of Essex aforesaid in upon and against one Martha Sprague of Boxford in aforesaid the County of Essex aforesaid Single Woman By which faid wicked Acts the faid Martha Sprague ye day and year aforesaid and divers other dayes and times hath before and after was and is Tortured aflicted Confumed Pined wasted and Tormented Ua

and also for Sundry other acts of witchcraft by the said Mary Parker Comitted and done before and since that Time against the peace of or Sour Lord and Lady the King and Queen theire Crowne and dignity and the sorme of the Stattute in that case made and Prouided.

Examination of Mary Parker.

2 Sep^r 1692. The Examination of mary parker of Andover widow taken before Barth^o Gidny John Hathorne Jona^t Corwin and John Higginson Esq^r ther majesties Justices of the peace for the County of Essex in the forth yeare of theire majesties reigne.

upon mentioneing of her name, severall afflicted persones wer struck down as mary warrin Sarah churchhill, hannah post, Sarah Bridges Mercy ward, And when she came before the Justices, she recovered all the afflicted out of their fitts by the touch of ther hand. She is accused for acting of witchcraft upon martha sprague And Sarah Phelps. 2. how long have ye been in the snare of the devil.

Ansr. I know nothing of it. There is another woman of the same name in Andover. But martha Spreague affirmed that this is the very woman that afflicted her: The said mary parker Lookeing upon Sprague struck her down, and recovered her again out of her Mary Lacey being in a fitt, cryed out upon mary parker, and sd parker recovered her

out of her fitt, mercy wardwell was twice afflicted

by parker and recovered again by her;

William Barker lookeing upon mary Parker said to her face That she was one of his company, And that the last night she afflicted martha Sprague in

company with him.

Mercy wardwell said that this mary parker was also one of her company and that the said parker afflicted Timothy Swan in her company—Mary Warrin in a violent fitt was brought neare haveing a pinn run through her hand and blood runing out of her mouth She was recovered from her fitt by start parker, The said mary warrin said that this mary parker afflicted and tormented her, And surther that she saw the said parker at ane examination vp at Salem Village sitting upon one of the beams of the house.

I under written being appointed by the Justices of the peace in Salem to wryt down the Examination of Mary Parker above mentioned, Doe testify this to be a true copy of the original examination, As to the substance of it,

W^m Murray.

Ino Westgate v. Mary Parker.

Ino Wesgate aged about forty years This deponant Testifyeth thatt about Eight years since he being att the house of mr Samll Beadle In the company of Ino Parker and severall others, the wise of said Ino Parker came into the company and scolded att and called her hushand all to nought whereupon

I the faid deponent tooke her husbands part telling of her it was an unbeseeming thing for her to come after him to the taverne and raile after thatt rate wth thatt she came up to me and called me rogue and bid me mind my owne busines and told me J had better have faid nothing sometime afterwards, Jye fd deponent going ffrom the house of mr Sanll King wn I came over against Jno Robinsons house I heard a great noyce coming ffrom towards mr babage his house then there apeared a black hogge running towards me wth open mouth as though he would have devoured me, att that Instant time, I the said deponent fell downe vpon my hipp and my knjfe runn into my hipp up to the haft wn J came home my knife was in my sheath wn J drew itt out of the sheath then imediately the sheath fell all to peaces, and further this deponent testifyeth thatt after he gott up from his fall his stockin and shue was full of blood and that he was forc't to craule along by the fence all the way home and the hogg followed him and never left him tell he came home, and haueing a stout dog then with mee, the dog run then away from him leapeing ouer ye fence and Crying much, which at other tymes vsed to Wory any hog well or Sufficiently, which hogg I then apprehended was either ye Diuell or some euill thing not a reall hog, and did then really Judge or determine in my mind that it was Either Goody parker or by her meenes, and procureing feareing yt she is a Witch.

Sworne Salem June 2d 1692. Before John Ha-

thorne—Affilt Jno Westgate declared yeaboue written and what is written on the other side of this paper to be a true evidence before ye Jury of Jnquest upon ye oath he hath taken: Septem 7: 1692.

Jurat in Curia.

W" Barker v. Mary Parker.

W^m Barker Jun^r affirmed to ye grand Juquest that mary Parker did in company with him self Barker confessed which was ye 1 of Sept 1692. this he owned to ye grand Juquest: Sept 16: 1692.

Owned in Court.

Mary Wardwell v. Mary Parker.

Mercy Wardwell owned to ye grand inquest that she had seen ye shape of Mary Parker when she sd Wardwell afflicted Timo Swan: also she sd she saw sd parkers Shape when the sd wardwell afflicted Martha Sprage but J did not certainely know that sd parker was a witch: this she owned to ye Grand Jnquest. Sept: 16: 1692.

Ino Bullock v. Mary Parker.

Jno Bullock aged 36 years testifieth yt aboute ye middle of January last past one of my neighbors told me yt mrs parkt did lay upon ye durt & Snow if J did not take care of her yt she would perish whereupon I did desire some men yt were in mye hous to goe and help her: and when they came to her yt they would not meddle because they thought

she was ded there being a neighbor by said she saw her before in such kind of sits: then J perswaded one man bye: to take her upon his shoulders and Carrye her home but in a little way going he let her sall upon a place of stones: we'h did not awake her we'h caused me to think she was really dead after yt wee Carryed her into her hous and Caused her Cloaths to be taken of and while we were taking of her Cloaths to put her into bed she rises up & laughs in or faces.

Martha Dutch aged abot 36 years testifyeth to ye above written and farthar saith that J have sene said parker in such a condition seuerall other tims.

Jurat in Curia Sepr 7: 92.

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Samu Shattock v. Mary Parker.

Sam^{ll} Shattock aged 41 years testifieth y^t in the year 1685: Goodwife Parker wife of Jn^o Parker mariner Came to my hous, and went into the room where my wife and Children were and fauned upon my wife wth very Smooth words in a Short tyme after that Child w^{ch} was Supposed to haue bin under an ill hand for Seuerall years before: was taken in a Strange and unuceall maner as if his vitalls would haue broake out his breast boane, drawn up togather to the uper part of his brest his neck & Eyes drawne Soe much aside as if they would neuer come to right againe he lay in So Strange a maner y^t the Doctor and others did beliue he was bewitched Soom days after Som of the visiters Cut

Som of his haire of to boyle weh they faide altho they did wth great tendernes ye Child would Shreek out as if he had bin tormented: they put his hair in a skillet ouer a fier weh Stood plaine on the hearth and as fon as they were gon out of ye room it was throwne doune and i came immediatly into ye room and Could See no Creature in ye room they put it on againe and after it had boyled Som tyme the aboue faid Goodwife Parker Came in and asked if i would buye Soom Chickens I told her no: the woman yt were above in the Chamber said to me it is pitty you did not ask to See her chickens for they did beleiue she had none to Sell: and advised me to send to her hous to buy Som weh i did and ye messenger brought me word yt she told him the had none and yt ye woman yt lived in the Same hous told him yt ye said Parker had not had any in three weeks before: Soom days after She wth her husband and two men moor Came to mye hous. & to answer their request i went to them: She asked me if i saide she had bewitched mye Child I told her I did beliue She had: she said to me you are a wicked man: ye lord avenge me of you ye lord bring vengeance upon you for this wrong: one of ye men asked her wt made you Com to this hous last Saturday: She saide to Sell Chicken; why did not you let him haue ym when he sent for ym said he: She said becaus she had sold ym he asked to whome, She said to such a one wee sent presently ye party and the answer was brought us yt he never bought any of her well you see saide they you have

told us yt wch is not true wt did you wth ym was at a Stand but at last saide her son carryed ym to sea wth him: her husband told her yt was not true for her son went to sea last fryday: and if he had Carryed ym to fea she could not brough ym here ye Saturday following She could not give any true account wt she did wt them: but went into ye room where ye Child was and told my wife yt she was a wicked woman for Saying foe of her: & told my wife in these words J hope J shall see the downfall of you, my wife told me, and foe went away in a great anger: and this is all true and reall to the uttermost of my remembrance and after this threatning or Euill wishing the Child has Continued in a very Sad Condition fowllowed wth very Solem fits wch hath taken away his understanding.

Jurat in Curia.

Indictment v. Mary Bradbury No. 1.

Effex in the province of the Maffachusetts lielmi Mariee Angliee & Quarto Annoq Domini land s. Quarto Annoq Domini 1692.

The Juriors for our Sour Lord and Lady the King and Queen doe present That Mary Bradbury Wife of Capt Thomas Bradbury of Salisbury Jn the County of Essex Gent vpon the Twenty Sixth day of July Jn the yeare aforesaid and divers other dayes & times as well before as after Certaine Detestable arts called Witchcraft and Soceries Wickedly Mallitiously and felloniously hath used practised and ex-

ercised At and in the Township of Andivor in the County of Essex aforesaid in upon and against one Timothy Swann of Andivor Jn the county aforesaid Husbandman, by which said wicked Acts the said Timothy Swann vpon the 26th day of July aforesaid and diuers other days and times both before and after was and is Tortured Afflicted Consumed Pined Wasted and Tormented and also for Sundry other Acts of witchcraft by the said Mary Bradbury Comitted and done before and since that time against the Peace of our Sour Lord and Lady the King and Queen theire Crowne and dignity And the forme of the Stattute Jn that case made and Prouided.

Witness. Mary Walcott Ann Puttnam

Indictment v. Mary Bradbury No. 2.

Essex in the Prouince of the Massachusetts lielmi & Mariee Angliee Bay, in New England s.

Anno R R³ & Reginee Gulielmi & Mariee Angliee & Quarto Annoq. Domini 1692.

The Juriors for our Sour Lord and Lady the King and Queen doe present that Mary Bradbury Wise of Capt Thomas Bradbury of Salisbury Jn the County of Essex Genmt: vpon the Second day of July Jn the yeare aforesaid and divers other days and times as well before as after certaine detestable arts called Witchcrast and Sorceries Wickedly Mallitiously and selloniously hath used practised and Exercised at and in the Towne of Salem in the County of Essex aforesaid in upon and against one Sarah

Vibber Wife of John Vibber of Salem aforesaid Husbandman by which said wicked acts the said Sarah Vibber the second day of July aforesaid and diuers other days and times both before and after was and is Tortured Afflicted Consumed Pined Wasted and Tormented and also for sundry other acts of Witchcraft by the said Mary Bradbury Comitted Acted and done before and since that time against the peace of our Sour Lord and Lady the King and Queen theire Crowne and Dignity and the forme of the Stattute Jn that case made and Prouided.

Wittness

Mary Walcott Eliz. Hobard Eliz. Booth Mercy lewis

Answer of Mary Bradbury.

The answer of Mary Bradbury in ye charge of wichcrast or samiliarity with ye Divell. J doe plead not guilty. I am wholly inocent of any such wickedness through the goodness of god that haue kept mee hitherto) J am ye servant of Jesus Christ and have given myselse up to him as my only lord and saviour: and to the dilligent attendance upon him in all his holy ordinances, in vtter contempt and desiance of the divell, and all his works as horid & detestible: and accordingly haue endevored to frame my life, and conversation according to ye rules of his holy word, and in that faith & practite resolue by ye help and assistance of god to contineu to my lifes end:

for ye truth of what J say as to matter of practiss

J humbly refer myself myselfe, to my brethren and neighbors that know mee and vnto ye searcher of all hearts for the truth and uprightness of my heart therein (human frailties, and unavoydable infirmities excepted) of which i bitterly complayne every day:

Mary Bradbury.

Geo: Herrick v. Mary Bradbury.

May 26th 1692. Beeing at Salem village wth Constable Josp neale the persons under written was afflicted much and Complained against viz. Mary Walcott Ann Putnam vpon Capt Bradberys wise of Salsbury and Mary Walcott Ann Putnam mrs marshall vpon Goodwise Rice of Reding and Mary walcott ann Putnam Marcy Lewis vpon Goodwise Read of Marblehead and Mary Walcott Marcy Lewis Ann Putnam vpon Goody Fosdick ye same woemen tells them yt she afflicts mr Tusts Negro.

Thos: Bradbury for Mary Bradbury.

July ye 28: 1692. Cocerning my beloued wife Mary Bradbury this is that J haue to fay: wee haue been married fifty five yeare: and shee hath bin a loueing and faithfull wife to mee, vnto this day shee hath been wonderfull laborious dilligent & industryous in her place and imployment, about the bringing vp or family (wch haue bin eleven childeren of or owne, and fower grand children; she was both prudent and provident; of a cheerfull spiritt liberall and charitable. Shee being now very aged

and weake and greiued vnder her affliction may not bee able to speake much for herselfe, not being so

free of speech as some others may bee:

J hope her life and conversation hath been such amongst her neighbours, as gives a better and more reall Testimoney of her, then can bee exprest by words

own'd by mee

Tho: Bradbury.

Summons v. Mary Bradbury.

W^m & Mary by ye Grace of God of England L.S. Scotland ffrance & Jreland King and Queen defend^{rs} of ye faith &c

To Thomas Ring of Amesbury or Salsbury Timothy Swann of Andover Richard Carr & James Carr of Salsbury. Greeting

Wee Comand you all Excuses set apart to be and personally appear at ye Next Court of Oyer & Terminer holden at Salem On Tuesday Next at Twelue of ye Clock or as soon after as possible There to Testify ye truth on Seuerall Judictments to be Exhibited against m¹³ Mary Bradbury and other persones to be Tried for ye horrible Crime of Witchcrast hereof make return sail not. dated in Salem Sept 5th 1692 and in ye fourth year of our Reign.

STEPHEN SEWALL Cler

To ye Sheriff of Essex or Constables of Andouer Hauerhill Salsbury Amesbury Bradford or Newbury. James Allen, Robt Pike & John Pike for Mary Bradbury.

Being defired to give my testimony concerning the life and conversation of mrs Bradbury of Salisbury amonst us, wch is as followeth viz—I having lived nine years at Salisbury in the work of the ministry and now four years in the office a Pastour; to my best notice and observation of mrs Bradbury she hath lived according to the rules of the gospell; amongst us: was a constant attender upon the miniftry of ye word: and all the ordinances of the gofpell; full of works of charity and mercy to the fick and poor, neither have J feen or heard an thing of her unbecoming the profession of the gospell.

James Allin.

mr James Allin made oathe to the truth of what is above written Septembr ye 7th 1692. before me Robt PIKE Asst.

I do also aferm to the truth of wt is aboue testifyed vpon vpward of fifty years experience and shall so testify if opertunity do present weh J shall en-Robt Pike. dever

Having lived many years in Salsbury and been much Conversent there according to my best notice and observation of Mrs. Bradbury must needs affirm to what is above written and add my oath to it if called thereto: John Pike

Ann Putnam v. Mary Bradbury.

The deposition of Ann Putnam who testifieth & saith that J being at Andevour on the 26 day of July 1692. J saw there Mis mary Bradbery the wife of Cap^t Tho: Bradbery of Salisbury or hir Apperance most grevious afflecting and tormenting of Timothy Swan of Andevor allmost Redy to kill him also severall times before and sence that time J haue seen mister Bradbery or hir Apperance most greviously afflicting Timothy Swan and J beleue that Mis Bradbery is a most dreadfull with for sence she has been in prison she or hir Apperance has com to me and most greviously afflicted me, ann putnam ownid before the grand Jnquest this har evidens to be the truth one the oath that she hath taken this 8 day of Septem¹ 1692

Sam¹ Endicott v. Mary Bradbury.

Sam^{ll} Endecott aged thirty one years or there about Testifieth Thatt about eleven years since being bound upon a vioage to sea wth Capt Sam^{ll} Smith Late of Boston Deceased just before we Sayl'd mrs Bradbery of Salisbury the prisoner now att the barr came to Boston wth some ferkins of butter of wth Capt Smith bought two, one of ym proved halfe way butter and after wee had been at sea three weekes our men were nott able to eatt itt, itt stunck soe and runn wth magotts, wth made the men very much disturb'd about itt and would often say that

they heard mrs Bradbury was a witch and that they verily believed the was foe or elfe the would not have ferved the Capt foe as to fell him fuch butter. And further this deponent testifieth yt in four dayes after they fett fayle they mett wth fuch a violent ftorm yt we lost our main mast and riggin & Lost fifeteen horses and thatt about a fortnight after we fett our jury mast and thatt very night there came up a shipp by our side and carried away two of the mizon Shrouds and one of the Leaches of the main-And this deponent further fayth thatt after they arrived att Barbados and went to Saltitudos & had Laden their vessell the next morning she sprang a leake in the hold weh wasted sevrall tunns of salt in foe much thatt we were forct to unlade our vessell again wholy to stopp our leake there was then four foot of water in the hold after we had taken in our lading again we had a good passage home butt when we came near the land the Capt fent this deponent forward to looke out for land in a bright moone shining night and as he was fitting upon the Windless he heard a Rumbling noise under him wth that he the sdeponent Testifieth that he looked one the fide of the windless and saw the leggs of fome p fon being no wayes frighted and thatt prefently he was shook and looked over his shoulder, and law the appearance of a woman from her middle upwards, haueing a white Capp & white neckcloth on her, weh then affrighted him very much, and as he was turning of the windless he saw the aforsaid two leggs.

Jurat in Curia Sept 9th 1692.

Mary Warren v. Mary Bradbury.

The Deposition of mary warren who testifieth and faith that I have ben a long time afflected by a woman which tould me hir name was Mis Bradbery and that she came from Salisbury but on the 2d of July 1692: being the day of the examination of mis mary Bradbery J then saw that she was the very fame woman which tould me hir name was Mis Bradbery and she did most greviously Afflect and torment medureing the time of hir examination for if the did but look upon the would strick me down or allmost Choake me also on the day of her examination I faw mis Bradbery or hir Apperance most greviously afflect and torment mary wallcott Sarah vibber Eliz Hubbard and Ann putnam and J beleue in my heart that mis Bradbery is a witch & that she has very often afflected and tormented me and seueral others by hir acts of wichcraft.

mary warrin ownid this har testimony one the oath which she hath before the grand Juquest this oth of September 92.

Richard Carr & Zerubbable Endicott v. Mary Bradbury.

The deposition of Richard Carr who testisseth and saith that about 13 years agoe presently affter sume Diserance that happened to be between my Honrd stather mr George Carr and Mis Bradbery the prisoner at the barr upon a Sabbath at noon as

we ware riding hom by the house of Capt Tho: Bradbery J saw mis Bradbery goe into hir gate turne the corner of: ann Jmmediatly there derted out of hir gate a blue boar and darted at my fathers horses ledgs which made him stumble but J saw it no more and my father said boys what doe you se we both answed a blue bore.

Zorobabell Endicott testisieth and saith that J lived att m^r George Carr now deceased at the time aboue mentioned and was present with m^r George Carr and m^r Richard Carr and J also saw a blue boar dart out of m^r Brdbery gate to M^r George Carrs horses ledges which mad him stumble after a strange manr and J also saw the blue bore dart from mr carrs horses ledges in att m^{is} Bradberys window: and m^r carr jmmediately said boys what did you see and we both said a blue bore then said he from whence came it and we said out of m^r Bradberys gate, then said he J am glad you see itt as well as well as J. Jurat in Curia Sep^r 9th 92.

and they both further say on y^r Oathes that m^r Carr discoursed wth them as they went home about what had happened and y^y all concluded that it was m^{rs} Bradbury that so apprd as a blue boar.

James Carr v. Mary Bradbury.

The Deposition of James carr who testifieth & saith that about 20 years agoe one day as J was accidently att the house of mr wheleright and his daughter the widdow maverick then liued there:

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and she then did most curtuously invite me to com oftener to the house and wondered I was grown fuch a stranger, and within a few days after one euening J went thether againe and when J came thether againe; william Bradbery was y who was then a futer to the faid widdow but I did not know it tell afterwards; affter, I came in the widdow did fo corfely threat the fd william Bradbery that he went away semeing to be angury; presently affter this J was taken affter a strange maner as if living creatures did run about euery part of my body redy to tare me to peaces and soe I continued for about 3 quarters of a year by times and J applyed myself to docter crosbe who gave me a grate deal of visek but could make none work tho he steept tobacco in bofit drink he could make non to work where upon he tould me that he beleued I was behaged: and I tould him I had thought fo a good while: and he asked me by hom J tould him J did not care for spaking for one was counted an honest woman but he uging I tould him and he faid he did beleue that mis Bradbery was a grat deal worse then gody mertin: the presently affter this one night J being a bed and brod awake there came sumthing to me which I thought was a catt and went to strick it ofe the bed and was geud fast that I could not stir hand nor foot but by and by coming to my strenth J hard fumthing a coming to me againe and I prepared myself to strick it: and it coming upon the bed J did strick at it and J beleue J hit it: and after that visek would work on me and I

beleue in my hart that mis Bradbery the prison att the barr has often afflected me by acts of wichcraft. Jurat in Curia Septin 9: 92.

Mary Walcott v. Mary Bradbury.

The deposition of mary walcott who testisieth and saith that J being at Andeur on the later end of July 1692: and on the 26 day of the same month J saw there Mis mary Bradbery the wife of Capt Tho: Bradbery of salfbury or her Apperance most greviously affecting and tormenting of Timothy Swan of Andevor allmost Redy to kill him: also before and sence that time J haue seen mis Bradbery or hir Apperance most greviously afflecting and tormenting Timothy swan and J doe beleue in my heart that mist Bradbery is a most dreadfull with for sence she has been in prison she or hir Apperance has come to me and most greviously tormented me.

mary Walcot affirmed ye truth of ye aboue written evidence before ye Jury of Juquest upon oath Sept 9: 1691:

William Carr for Mary Bradbury.

The testamony of william carr aged 41 or ther abouts is that my brother John Carr when he was young was a man of as good capasity as most men of his age but falling in Love with Jane Tru (now wife of Cap^t John march) and my father being pswaded by some of the family (w^{ch} J shall not

name not to Let him mary so yong: my father woold not giue him a porsion wr vpon the mach broke of wch my brother Layd so much to hart that he grew meloncoly and by degrees much crazed not being the man that he was before to his dying day. J do father testify that my sd brother was sick about a fortnight or three weeks and then dyed and J was present with him wn he dyed and J do afterm that he dyed peacibly and quietly neuer massifesting the Lest troubl in ye world about any body nor did not say any thing of mrs Bradbury nor anybody else doing him hurt and yet J was with him till the breath and lif was out of his body.

Jurat in Curia.

Evidence for Mary Bradbury.

July 22^d 1692.
Concerning ms Bradburies life & conversation
Wee the Subscribers doe testifie, that it was such
as became ye gospel shee was a louer of ye ministrie
in all appearant and a dilligent attender vpon gods
holy ordinances, being of a curteous, and peaceable
disposition and cariag; neither did any of vs (some
of whom haue lived in ye town wth her aboue sifty
year) ever heare or know that shee ever had any
difference or falleing oute wth any of her neighbors
man woman or childe but was always, readie and
willing to doe for them wt laye in her power night
and day, though wth hazard of her health or other

danger more; more might be spoken in her comendation but this for the p^rsent

Martha Pike William Bufwell Sarah Buswell Samuell ffelloes senr Rodger Easman Sarah Easman Joseph ffletcher and his wife Joseph ffrench John ffrench senr Mary ffrench his wife Abigayl ffrench John Allin Mary Allin William Carr Elizabeth Carr Sam^{ll} Colby Samuell ffrench and his wyfe Henry Ambros and his wyfe Nathanel Stevens & his wyfe Ephraim Severans Lidia Severans Sam^{ll} ffelloes jun^r Abigail ffelloes Sam^l Eafman

Elizabeth Easman ' Joseph Eaton Mary Eaton his wife Robert Downer Sarah Downer Richard Long and his wyte Richard Smith and his wyfe Joseph True and his wyfe Andrew Greley and his wyfe William Hooke Elizabeth Hooke Benjamin Allin and Rachel his wyfe Benj Allin and Rachell his wyfe Isaac Buswell and his wvfe William Allin Ephraim Eaton Ephraim Winsley Mary Winsley his wyfe Philip Grele & his wyfe Richard Hubbard Mathew Hubbard his wyfe

Daniel Moody Elizabeth Moody Isaac Morrill Phebee Morrill John Maxfield Jarves Ring Hannah Ring Nathanel Whitter Mary Whitther Jacob Morrill Iusannah Morrill Elizabeth Maxfield Hanah Stevens widdow John Stevens Dorethie Stevens Joanna Stevens Sarah Hacket Martha Carter Elizabeth Gettchell Benj: Eastman Ann Easman Benony Tucker Ebenezer Tucker Nathanel Brown Hannah Brown Tho: Evens Hannah Evens Nathaniel Eastman Elizabeth Easman

John Eastman and Mary Eastman his wife Sarah Shepherd Willi: Ofgood Abigayl ofgood Sufanah Severance Onesiphris Page and his wife Sam^{ll} Gill and his wyfe John Clough and his wyfe Abraham Brown & his wyfe Tho: Clough and his wyfe Sarah Conner widow John Tomfon John Watson and his wyfe Steven Tongue and his wyfe John Connor and his wyfe Joseph Page Meres Tucker and his wyfe Henry Brown Sen^r and his wife

Summons v. Giles Corey.

W^m & Mary by ye Grace of God of England L. S. Scotland france & Jreland King and Queen defendrs of ye faith and

To ye Constable of Salem Greeting,

Wee Comand you to Warn and giue notice vnto Jno Derick ye wife of Stephen Small ye Widow Adams and Goody Golthite that they and Euery of them be and personally apear at ye prsent Court of Oyer and Termina holden at Salem fforthwith there to Testify ye truth to ye best of their knowledge On Certain Indictments Exhibited against Giles Corey here of make return fail not.

STEPHEN SEWALL Cl.

Salem Sepr 7th 1692.

Sept 7th 1692: J Desire mr John Tomkins to serue this within Sumons and Make Returne thereof:

by mee PETER GSGOOD Constable in Salem

J have warned the wthin persons to appeare at the time and place within written by

JNO TOMKINS Deputed.

Ann Putnam v. Giles Corey.

The Deposition of Ann putnam who testifieth and saith that on 13th of April 1692, J saw the Apperishtion of Giles Cory com and afflect me urging me to writ in his book and so he continewed

hurting me by times tell the 19th April being the day of hir examination and dureing the time of his examination Giles cory did tortor me a grat many times: and allfo seuerall times sence Giles Cory or his Apperance has most greuiously afflected mee by beating pinching and allmost choaking me to death urging me to writ in his book also on the day of his examination J saw Giles Cory or his Apperance most greviously afflect and torment mary walcott mercy lewes and sarah vibber and J verly beleue that Giles Cory is is a dreadfull wizzard for sence he has ben in prison he or his Apperance has com to me a grat many tims and afflected me.

An Putnam owned upon her oath that ye aboue written evidence it ye truth to ye Jury of inquest Sept 9: 92.

Mercy Lewis v. Giles Corey.

The deposition of Mercy lewes agged 19 years who testisieth and saith that on the 14th April 1692 J saw the Apperishtion of Giles Cory com and afflect me urging me to writ in his book and so he continued most dreadfully to hurt me by times beating me and almost breaking my back tell the day of his examination being the 19th April and then allso dureing the time of his examination he did afflict and tortor me most greviously and also seueral times sence urging me vehemently to writ in his book and J veryly beleve in my heart that Giles Cory is a dreadfull wizzard for sence he has



ben in prison he or his Apperance has com and most greviously tormented me.

Mercy Lewis affirmed to ye Jury of Jnquest y^t y^e aboue written evidence is the truth upon y^e oath she has formerly taken in y^e Court of Oyer and terminer Sept^r 9: 1692:

Sarah Vibber v. Giles Corey.

The deposition of Sarah vibber who testisieth and saith that J have ben most greviously afflected by Giles Cory or his Apperance and allso J have seen Giles Cory or his Apperance most greviously affeting and tormenting the bodyes of mary walcott mercy lewes and ann putnam and J beleue in my heart that Giles Cory is a wizzard and that he has very often afflected and tormented me and the persons above mentioned by his acts of wichtcrast: J testifie yt on ye fourteenth of August & ever since at times sd Cory has afflicted me by whipping me & beating me & urging me vehemently to read & write in his book: and cote me with his knife.

Sarah Vibber affirmed to ye Jury of Jnquest yt ye aboue written evidence is ye truth upon oath: Sepr 9: 1692:

Mary Warren v. Giles Corey.

Mary Warin affirmed to ye Jury of Jnquest that she hath been afflicted by Giles Cory or his appearition and that by beating of me with his staffe & by biting me & pinching & choaking me

greatly torturing me & cutting me with a knife & perticulerly at ye time of his examination he did greviously torment me also at the time of his examination J saw sd Cory or his appearition most dredfully afflict mary Walcot An putnam mercy lewes & Sarah Vibber: Septr 9: 1692

Eliz: Woodwell & Mary Walcott v. Giles Corey.

Eliz: Woodwell upon ye oath she formerly has taken in this Court: did affirm to ye Jury of Jnquest that she saw Giles Cory at meeting at Salem on a lecture day since he has ben at prison he or his apearition came in & sat in ye middlemost seat of ye mens seats by ye Post: this was ye lecture day before Bridget Bishop was hanged and J saw him come out with ye rest of ye people: mary Walcot affirmed yt she saw sd Cory as above sit in ye same place at ye same time he or his appearance & yt she did se him goe out with ye rest of ye people: this she affirmed to ye Jury of Jnquest. Sept 9: 1692

Eliz: Hubbard v. Giles Corey

Eliz: Hubbard to ye Jury of Juquest that Giles Cory hath severall times afflected me with several sorts of torments J veryly think he is a wizzard & afflicted me by wichcrast Sept 9; 1692:—

Benj. Gould v. Giles Corey.

The deposition of beniamin gould aged about 23 yeares he testifieth and saith one the 6 day of

april 1692: giles cory and his wife came to my bead fide and looked upon me sum time and then went away: and emediately J had two penches upon my side: allso another time J saw giles Cory and John proctir and J had then such a paine in one of my seet that J could not ware my shu for 2 or 3 days.

Ben: gould.

& J doe beleiue in my: — Jurat

Susannah Sheldon v. Giles Corey.

Susanna Shelden saith yt ye spectre of Giles Corey Murdered his sirst wise & would have murdered this to if she had not ben a witch — yt his sirst wise gave him nothing but Skim Milke and J he did it & yt Goody Procters spectre told her she murdered her owne child and yt it was sick & she did it because she would not be troubled with it & yt she allso saies yt Goody Buckley and Jno Willard appd wth Hen. Wilkins appen

John Dorich v. Giles Corey.

the testomeny of John dereth Eaged about sixten years testesieth and sayeth that gils Cory also came to me and assisted me this 5 of September as wel before as after he also threteneth me to kill me if J will not yeld to him he also came about the 20 of oges and told me that he wanted som platers for he was gowen to a feast he told me that he had a good mind to ask my dame but he sayd that she wouled not let him haue them so he took

the platers and cared them a way being gown about half a oure with them then he brot them againe gowen away and fayd nothing—

also Sary pese afficeth me at seueral times she came to me of the fast day last at Salem She pinched me then and i have not seen har senes.

Hannah Small & Martha Adams v. Giles Corey.

these howes nams are wten were there and saw the platers were gown as John derich sayed. hanah smal martha Adams.

The deposition of Eliz: booth the wife of George booth & Allies Booth who testifie and say that on the 12th of this Jsant Sept at ye widow Shashins house in Salem their appeared to us a grate number of wiches as neare as we could tell about sifty: thirteen of which we knew who did Receive the sacriment in our right amongst which we saw Giles Cory who brought to us bread and wine urging us to partake thereof: but because we Resused he did most greviously afflect and torment us: and we believe in our hearts thas Giles Cory is a wizzard and that he has often afflected us and severall others by acts of wichcraft.

Elizabeth \mathcal{E} Booth's mark. Alice \mathcal{O} Booth's mark

B. Martha Dutch v. Alice Parker.

The Testimony of martha Dutch aged about 36 yeers This deponant Testifieth and saith yt about

2 yeers last past Jn° Jarman of Salem coming in from sea J This deponant & Alice parker of Salem Both of us standing Together said vnto her wt a great mercy itt was for to see Them come home well and Through mercy, J said my husband had gone and came home well many Times & J this deponant did saye vnto ye sed parker yt J did hope he would come whome This voyage well allso and ye sed parker made answer vnto me and said no neuer more in this world ye wch came to pass as she yn told me for he died abroad as J sartinly heare Jurat in Curia Sept 7: 92:

attest Step. Sewall. Cli —

Frances Wycom v. Margaret Scott.

The deposition of ffrances wycum who testifyeth and saith that quickly affter the first court at Salne about wichcraft margerit Scott whom J very well knew or hir Apperance came to me and did most greviously torment me by choaking and almost presing me to death: and so she did continue afflecting me by times tell the 5th August 1692 being the day of hir examination allso during the time of hir examination margerit scott did most greviously afflect m: And allso seuerall times sence: and J beleue in my heart that margert scott is a wich and that she has offten afflected me by acts of wichcraft.

ffrances Wycum ownd to ye grand Jnquest that ye aboue written evidence is ye truth upon oath Septr 15: 1692: Jurat in Curia.

Phillip Nelson & Sarah Nelson v. Margaret Scott.

phillip Nellson and Sarah his wife doe testifie and say that for two or three years before Robert Shilleto dyed we have often hard him complaining of margerit Scott for hurting of him and often said that she was a wich and so he continewed complaneing of margartt scott saying he should neuer be well so long as margerit scott liued and so he complayned of margret Scott att times untill he dyed.

Phillip Nelson and Sarah his wife affirmed upon their oath to ye grand inquest: that ye aboue written euidence is ye truth

Sept 15: 1692: Jurat in Curia:

Tho Putnam & Will Murray v. Alice Parker.

the deposition of Tho: putnam aged 40 years and william murry aged 36 year who testifieth and saith that seuerall of the afflected parsons as mary walcott and mary warren and seuerall other were much afflected on the 6th Septr 1692, dureing the time of the examination of Elce parker and we obsarved that upon the glance of hir eies they ware struck down and upon hir laying hir hand on them they ware Recouered and we beleue that Elce parker the prisoner att the barr has often hurt the aforesaid persons by acts of wichcraft.

Thomas putnam Wm Murray

Warrant v. Lydia Dusting.

To ye Constable of Reading.

You are in theyr Majestyes Names Required to Apprehend and bring before vs Lydah Dusting of Reading widdow—in ye County of Midlesex on Munday next being ye fecond day of ye Month of May next ensuing ye date hereof, about eleven of ye Clock in ye forenoone att ye house of Levt Nathl Ingerfolls in Salem Village, in Order to hir examination, relateing to high suspition of Severall acts of Witchcraft done or Comitted by hir upon ye Bodys of Mary Walcott, Ann putnam, Mercy Lewis & Abigael Williames all of Salem Village, Whereby great hurt & damage hath bin done to ye Bodys of faid persons according to Complaint Capt Jonathan Walcott & Sergt Thomas putnam in behalfe of theyr Majestys for ymfelves & severall of theyr Neighbours, and hereof you are not to fayle att your perrill:

dat Salem Aprill 30th 1692.

P vs. John Hathorne Jonathan Corwin Affifts.

Purseuance to a warant from yvs honrs baring date the 30 of aprill last fore the aprihending and bringing of ye person of Lidea Dosting in obediance ther to J haue brought the said Lidea Dosting of Redding to ye hous of Lvt Jngersons in Salem uiledg. dated in Salem viledg the 2^d day of may 1692.

Atest. John Parker c. for Redding.

Warrant v. Sarab Dusting.

Whereas Complaint hath bin exhibited before us by m^r Thomas Putnam and m^r Jn^o putnam Jun^r of Salem village In ye behalfe of theyr Majesties against Sarah Dastin of Redding single woman for high suspition of Severall Acts of Witchcraft done or comitted by hir upon ye Boydes of Mercy Lewis, Mary Walcott, Anna putnam and Abigall Williams all of Salem Village and craved Justice

Therefore you are in theyer Majestyes Names Required forthwith to Apprehend the afores Sarah Dastin of Redding Single woeman and hir Sasely convey unto ye house of Lev^t Nathaniell Jngersolls of Salem Village upon ye Ninth day of this instant May by Twelve of the Clock in ye sorenoone in order to hir examination upon ye premises and hereof faille nott at yor perrill. Salem, dated May 8th 1692.

To ye Constable of Redding.

P vs. John Hathorne Jonathan Corwin Affists.

In obediance to this warant J haue brought the body of Sarah Dustin of Redding singal woman to ye house of Leu^t Nathanall Ingorson of Salem Villeg the nint of this Instant Maye 1692 John Parker Constable of Redding

Warrant v. Ann Sears, Bethiah Carter & Bethiah Carter.

Whereas Complaint hath benne this day Exhibited (before vs) by Thomas Putnam and John putnam Junr both of Salem Village yeoman on behalfe of theire Majesties Against Ann Seeres the wife of John Seeres of Woburne and Bethiah Carter of see Towne of Woburne widdow and Bethya Carter ye dauster of see Carter widdow for high suspition of sundry acts of Witchcraft donne by them vpon the Bodys of Ann putnam Marcy Lewis Mary Walcot &c of Salem Village whereby much hurt and wrong is donne vnto them theirfore Craves Justice.

These are therefore in theire majests Names to require you, to apprehend and forthwith bring the persons of the abouenamed before vs at Salem Village at ye house of L^t Nathaniell Jngersalls in order to theire examination Relateing to ye abouesaid premises and hereof you are not to faile Dated Salem May 8th 1692.

To ye Constable of Woburne

P vs. John Hathorne Jonathan Corwin Affifts.

I. Ephraim bouck counstabel of Woburn haue sarved this warant acording to Caza hau apurhanded the parson of anah Sauris and of the wado cartter and hauf broit them to Laufanant ingarsons hois as warant dus exprest.

In pursuance to the within specified warrant J haue apprenheded the bodies of the within mentioned Anna Seers and Bethia Carter sen & brought them to the place within ordered this 9 May 1692.

EPHRAIM BOCK Constabil of woburn

Examination of Deliverance Hobbs.

(1) The Examination of Deliverance Hobbs 22 Apr. 1692. Ata court held at Salem village by

John Hauthorne | Efqrs.

Mercy Lewes do you know her that stands at the Bar (for the Majestrates had privately ordered who should be brought in and not suffered he name to be mentioned) Do you know her? speaking to another: but both were struck dumb.

Ann Putnam jun^r said it was Goody Hobbs and she hath hurt her much.

John Indian said he had seen her, & she choake him.

Mary Walcot said, yesterday was the first time that she saw her i. c. as a Tormenter

Why do you hurt these persons?

Jt is unknown to me.

How come you to commit acts of witchcraft? J know nothing of it.

Jt is you or your appearance, how comes this about? Tell us the truth.

J cannot tell.

Tell us what you know in this case. Who hurts them if you do not?

There are a great many Persons hurts us all. But it is your appearance.

I do not know it.

Have not you confented to it, that they should be hurt?

No in the fight of God, and man, as J shall answer another day

It is faid you were afflicted, how came that about?

J have seen sundry sights.

What fights.

Last Lords day in this meeting house and out of the door, J saw a great many birds cats and dogs, and heard a voice say come away.

What have you feen fince?

The shapes of severall persons.

What did they say?

Nothing.

What neither the birds, nor persons?

No.

What persons did you see?

Goody Wilds and the shape of Mercy Lewes.

What is that? Did either of them hurt you?

None but Goody Wilds, who tore me almost to peices.

Where was you then?

In bed

Was not the book brought to you to figne?

Where were you not threatened by any body, if you did not figne the book?

No, by nobody.

What were you tempted to under you affliction?

J was not tempted at all.

Js it not a folemn thing, that last Lords day you were tormented, & now you are become a tormentor, so that you have changed sides, how comes this to pass?

Abig: Williams and Ann Putnam jun^r cry out there is Goody Hobbs upon the Beam, she is not at the Bar, they cannot see her there: tho there

she stood.

What do you say to this, that tho you are at the bar in person, yet they see your appearance upon the beam, & whereas a sew dayes past you were tormented, now you are become a Tormentor? Tell us how this change comes. Tell true.

J have done nothing.

What have you resolved you will not confess? Hath any body threatened you if you do confess? You can tell how this change comes.

She lookt upon John Jndian, & then another,

& then they fell into fits.

Tell us us the reason of this change: Tell us the truth. What have you done?

J cannot speak.

What do you say? What have you done?

J cannot tell.

Have you figned to any book?

Jt is very lately then.

When was it?

The night before the last.

Will the Lord open your heart to confesse the truth. Who brought the book to you?

Jt was Goody Wilds.

.What did you make your mark with in the book?

Pen and ink.

Who brought the Pen and Ink?

They that brought the book, Goody Wilds.

Did they threaten you if you did not figne?

Yes, to teare me in peices.
Was there any else in company?

No. Sir.

What did you afflict others by? Did they bring images?

Yes.

Who brought the images?

Goody Wild and Goody Osburn.

What did you put into those images.

Pins, Sir.

Well tell us who have you feen of this company?

None but those two.

Have you not feen many?

No. J heard last night a kind of Thundring.

How many images did you use?

But two.

Nay here is more afflicted by you, You said more, Well tell us the truth. Recollect yourself.

J am amazed.

can you remember how many were brought?

Not well, but severall were brought.

Did they not bring the image of John Nichols his child?

Yes.

Did not you hurt that child?

Yes.

Where be those images, at your house? No, they carryed them away again.

When?

They carred some then, & some since.

Was it Goody Wild in body, or appearance?

Jn appearance.

Was there any man with them?

Yes a tall black man with an highcrown'd hat.

Do you know no more of them? No. Sir.

Note. All the sufferers free from afflection during her examination after once she began to confesse, tho at sundry times they were much afflicted till then.

Note. Wheras yesterday at Deacon Jngersols Mary Walcot & Abigail Williams cryed there stands Goody Hobbs, showing also where, Benja Hutchinson struck at her with a Rapier, & the afflicted that is the said Mary & Abigail said, oh you have struck her on the right side; Whereupon the Magistrates asking her after the publick examination whither she had received any hurt yesterday, she said yes in her right side like a Prick, & that it

was very fore, & done when she was in a Trance, telling us also in what hovse and room it was done. Whereupon the Magistrates required some women to search it, who found it so as she had confessed. Also a little after the said prick in her side, she had som what in her left eye like dust, wth agrees with wt the afflicted farther said that Benja Hutchinson afterwards toucht her eye wth the same Rapier, & said pointing to the place there was a mark which the Marshall being by said so there was.

Salem Village Aprill the 22th 1692. mr Sam'l parris being defired to take in wrighting ye Examination of Deliuerance hobs hath deliuered itt as aforesaid.

And vpon hearing the same and seeing what wee did see together with the Charg of the afflicted persons against them Wee Committed her.

John Halhorne.

Examination of Deliverance Hobbs.

The first Examination of Deliverance Hobbs in prison. She continued in the free acknowledging herself to be a Covenant Witch, and further Confesseth She was warned to a meeting yesterday morning, and that there was present Procter and his Wife, Goody Nurse, Giles Cory and his Wife, Goody Bishop alias Oliver, and mr Burroughs was ye Preacher, and prest them to bewitch all in the Village, telling them they should do it gradually and not all att once, assure in the process.

prevaile. He administred the sacrament unto them at the same time with Red Bread, and Red Wine like Blood, the affirms the faw Osburn, Sarah Good, Goody Wilds; Goody Nurse, and Goody Wilds distributed the bread and Wine, and a Man in a long crownd white Hat, fat next ye Minister and they sat seemingly att a Table, and They filled out the wine in Tankards. The Notice of this meeting was given her by Goody wilds. She herself assirms did not nor would not Eat or drink, but all the Rest did who were there present, therefore they threatened to torment her. The meeting was in the Pasture by Mr Parris's House, and she saw when Abigail Williams ran out speak with them: But that Time Abigial was come a little diftance from the House. This Examinant was strucke blind, so that she saw not with whome Abigall spake She further saith, that Goody Wilds to prevail with her to fign, told her that if she would put her hand to the book she wid give her some Cloaths, and would not afflict her any more—Hir daughter Abigail Hobbs being brought in att the same time while her mother was present was immediately taken with a dreadful fitt, and her mother being asked who it was that hurt her daughter answered it was Goodman Cory and she faw him and the gentlewoman of Boston striving to break her Daughter's neck.



Warrant v. Abigl Somes.

To Constable peter Osgood.

You are in theire Magests names hereby required to apprehend and forthwith bring before vs Abigaile Soames Single Woman, now liveing at ye house of Sam! Gaskill in Salem: who stand accused of Sundry acts of Witchcraft, (or high suspition thereof) donne or Committed by her Lately on the body of Mary Warren &c faile not. Dated Salem, May the 13th 1692.

P vs. John Hathorne Jonathan Corwin Affists.

I haue Apprehended ye person Abigail Soams Acordinge to worrante expreste on ye other side and heaue broghte hir to ye hewse of mr Thomas Beadles. pr me Peter Osgood constable in Salem May ye 13, 1692.

Warrant v. Eliza Colson.

To ye Constable of Ridding.

You are in theyr Majestyes Names hereby Required to Apprehend & bring before us (upon Tuesday next being the seaventeenth day of this Justin Justin Tenne of ye Clock aforenoone att ye house of Levt Nathaniell Jugersolls in Salem Village) the body of Elizabeth Colson of Redding Single woeman, whose standeth charged in behalfe of theyr Majestys wth high suspition of sundry Acts of Witchcraft done or Comitted upon ye Bodyes of Mary Walcott Mercy Lewis and others

in Salem Village, whereby great hurt hath bin done them: And hereof you are nott to faile. Salem dat^r May 14th 1692.

P vs. John Hathorne Jonathan Corwin Affifts.

May 16th 1692. I have made Diligent Search for ye aboue named Elizabeth Collson and find shee is fled and by the best Information shee is att Boston in order to bee shipt of and by way of Escape to be transported to some other Countrey whereof J make my Returne.

pr me John Parker constable for Redding.

Warrant v. Mary De Rich.

To ye Marshall of ye County of Essex or his Lawfull Deputy or Constable in Salem.

You are in theyr Majestys Names hereby required to apprehend and forthwith bring before us, Mary de Rich ye Wife of Michaell de Rich of Salem ffarmes Husbandman, whoe stands charged wth Sundry Acts of Witchcraft by hir Comitted lately on the Bodys of Abigall Williames & Elizabeth Hubbard of Salem Village &c. whereby great hurt and Jnjury hath bin done ym in order to hir examination relateing to ye same & hereof you are not to sayle

Salem, Dat May 23: 1692.

J ord of ye Govern & JOHN HATHORNE Councill. JONATHAN CORWIN.

I have apprehended ye aboue named person and brought her as aboue pr Josh Neal Constable.

Warrant v. Sarab Pease.

To the Marshall of Essex or his dept or Constables of Salem.

You are in theire Majests names hereby required to apprehend and forthwith bring before vs (Sarah pease ye wife of Robert pease of Salem Weauer who stands charged with sundry acts of witch-craft by her Committed lately on ye Body of Mary Warren of Salem village whereby great Jnjury was don her &c.) in order to her Examination Relateing to ye same saile not. Dated Salem May 23^d 1692.

Pr ord of y Govern & John Hathorne
Councill. Jonathan Corwin

J have apprehended ye person mentioned within this warrant and heave broughte hir

p^r me Peter Ofgood constable in Salem. May y^e 23: 1692.

Warrant v. Sarah Rice.

To the Constables in Reding.

You are in theire Majesties names hereby required to apprehend and bring before us, Sarah Rice the wife of Nicholas Rice of Reding on Tuesday next being the 31st day of this Jnstant moneth at the house of L^t Nathan¹ Jngersalls at

Salem Village aboute ten of the Clock in the forenoon, who stand charged with haueing Committed sunday acts of witchcrast on ye Bodys of Mary Walcott and Abigail Williams & others to theire great hurte &c, in order to her Examination Relateing to ye premises abouesaid faile not. Dated Salem May 28th 1692.

P vs. J. HATHORNE JONATHAN CORWIN Affifts.

In obedence to this warant J haue brought the Body of Sarah Rice the wife of Nicholas Rice of Redding to the house of Leu^t Nathanal Ingersons in Salem Viledg the 31 of this instant: May 1692: Atest John Parker Constable of Redding.

Complaint v. Elizabeth Cary.

Salem, May 28th 1692. Mr Thomas putnam & Benjamin Hutchinson both of Salem Village Yeomen Complaine of Elizabeth Carey ye wife of Capt Nathaniell Cary of Charls Towne Mariner, on behalfe of theyr Majestyes, for fundry Acts of witchcraft by hir Comitted upon ye Bodyes of Mary Walcott, Abigall Willyams & Mercy Lewis all of Salem Village, whereby great hurt & damage is done ym and therefore Craue Justice.

Thomas putnam Beniamin Huchinson.

Warrant v. John Alden

To the Constable of Salem.

Essex. ss. Whereas Complaint hath been made

vnto us John Hathorne & Jonathan Corwin Esq¹⁵ by severall persons of Salem Village that Cap¹ John Alden of Boston Marrin¹ is guilty of Witchcrast in cruelly torturing & afflicting severall of ther children & others these are therefore in their Maj¹⁵ Cing William & Queen Maryes name to Authorize & Comand you forthwith to Apprehend the body of the said John Alden and Jmediately bring him before vs to answer what shall be objected ag¹ him in that behalfe and this shall be yo¹ sufficient warrant Given vnder our hands the 31st day of May 1692 And in the fourth year of the Reigne of our Sovereigne Lord and Lady William & Mary now King and Queen over England & v.

Pvs. John Hathorne Affists.
Jonathan Corwin Affists

perfons Complaining viz^t Mary Walcott
Mercy Lewis Elizabeth Hubbard
Abigail Williams Ann putnam

Elizabeth Booth Marry Warren

Jn obediance to the within written warant J haue Apprehended the Body of Capt John Alden according to the tener of this warant.

Eliza Booth v. Martha Corey.

The testimony of Elesebeth Booth Aged 18 yers or their about testisseth y^t one y^e 8 of June Geiorg nedam Apeired onto me and saide y^t mattha Georie kiled him because he wold not mend her Lening wheal

Elesebeth Booth.

The testimony of Elesebeth Booth Aged 18 yers

or their about testisieth yt on ye 8 day of June Thomas Goold Senyer Apered vnto me & told me yt mattha Corie kiled him because he told her she did not doe well by Goodman parkers Childringe.

Elesebeth Booth vpon oath.

Elizabeth Booth owned all that is aboue written before & vnto ye Grand inquest on ye 30th Day of June 1692.

Examination of Richd Carrier.

Richard Carriers Confession July 22: 1692.

Q. have you bin in ye devils fnare A: yes. Q. is yor bro: Andrew enfnared by ye devils Snare: A: Yes. how long has yor brother bin a wich. A: neare a monthe how long have you bin a wich: A: not long: Q. have you joined in aflicting ye aflicted persons; A: Yes. Q. you helpt to hurt Timo. Swan did you A. Yes. how long have you bin a wich. A. abot five weeks: who was in Company when you Counanted with ye devill: A: Mrs Bradbery. did she help you affict. yes: what was ye occasion mrs Bradbery would have to afflict Timo. Swan: A. because her husband & Timo Swan fell out about a Scyth I think Q. did they not fall out abot thaching of a barn to: A: no not as I know of. Q. who was att the Villadge meeting when you was there Goodwife How. goodwife Nurs. g wildes, Procter & his wife mrs Bradbery & Gory's wife: Q: was any of Boston there. A: no: Q.

how many was there in all: A. a duzzen J think. was Ino. Willard there A. J think he was

Q. what kind of man is Jno willard: a young man or an old man. A: he is not an old man. he had black hair. Q what meeting was this meeting: was this that that was near Jngersals: A: Yes. J think. Q. what did they do then. A. the eat & drank wine: was there a minister there. A. no: not as J know of: from whence had you your wine: A. from Salem J think was Q. goodwife Olliver there, yes I knew her.

Warrant v. Ann Doliver

Essex is. To the Sheriffe of the County of Essex or his deputie or Constable in Salem or Beuerley.

You are in theire Magists names hereby required to apprehend and forthwith bring before vs Ann Dalibar the wife of W^m Dalibar of Glocester who stands charged this day with haueing Committed sundry acts of Witchcraft on the Bodys of Mary Warren & susannah Shelden to the hurt of theire Bodys in order to her Examination Relateing to the premises faile not. dated Salem June the 6th 1692.

Barth^o Gedney
P vs. John Hathorne
Jonathan Corwin

Barth

Just^{cs} of y^e peace

In obediance to this warant J haue aprehended ye person within Named and brought her to the

place apoynted in order to her examination as atest my hand.

Peter Ofgood constabll for the town of Salem.

Eliza Nicholason v. Ann Doliver.

Elizabeth the wife of Edmond Nicolasson will testify; that coming to the house of Samuell Dallabar; Peter Pitsord and the wife of the said Dallabar were in discourse before the dore in the yard: and in theire discourse she heard Peter Pitsord say: J merualle how that old witch knowes every thing that is don in my house: Rebecca the wife of Samuell Dallabar replied oh Peter doe not say soe: for J belieue she is no Witch, soe she came away and lest Peter Pitsord and the wife of Samuell Dallabar in discourse

The deposition of Sarah Jngelson Aged about 30 yers Saith that seing Sarah Church after hur examination she came to me crieing and wringing hur hands seming to be mutch trobeled in Sparet Jasked hur what she ailed she answered she had undon hurself Jasked hur in what she said in belieing hursalse and others in saieing she had set hur hand to the diuells Book whairas she saied she nauer did J told hur J beleued she had seat hur hand to the Book she answered crieng and said no. no. no: J nauer J nauer did. Jasked then what maed hur say she did she answered because they thratened hur and told hur thay would put her into the dongin and put hur along with mr Borows and thus sauerall times she folowed one up and

downe tealing me that she had undon hursalse in belieing hursals and others I asked hur why she did writ it, she tould me because she had stood out so long in it that now she darst not she saied allso yt Is she told mr Noys but one she had sat hur hand to ye Booke he wold beleue her but Is she told the truth and saied she had not seat her hand to ye Book a hundred times he would not beleue hur.

Sarah Ingrsol.

Ann Putnan Tho Putnam & Robert Morrill v.
Thomas Farrer.

the deposition of Ann Putnam who testifieth and faith that on the 8th of may 1692, there appeared to me the Apperishtion of an old gray head man with a great nose which tortored m and almost choaked me and urged me to writ in his booke and I asked him what was his name and from whence he came for J would complaine of him: and he told me he came from linne and people used to call him old father pharoah and he said he was my grandfather for my father used to call him father: but I tould I would not call him grandfather: for he was a wizzard and J would complaine of him: and euer sence he hath afflected me by times beating me and pinching me and all most choaking me and urgeing me continewally to writ in his book, we whose names are under writen having been conversant with ann putnam haue hard hir declare what is a bove writen what she said she faw & heard from the apperishtion of old pharoah

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and also have seen hir tortors: and perceived her hellish temtations by hir loud out cries J will not writ old pharaoh J will not writ in your book.

Thomas putnam.

Robert Morrell.

Mary Warren & Mary Ireson v. Jerson Tootbaker.

one may the 24 mary waren being in a feet and geeuosly assected then was in a trans for sum tim we hard her say who ar ye what is your name and again she said what to thaker Doctr toothakers wiffe we offten herd her say J wont i wonte i will not touch ye book and then the set was ouer then she told us that dochter toothekers wiff brought the book to her and a cosen and a winding shet and grav cloths and said that she must set her hand to the book or else she would kill her and stil she urged to touch the book or else wrapt in that sheet this haue ben done this day by toothekers wiff.

mary iyerson, wiff to benjamin iyerson at lin hoe in the same maner hau tormented almost to deth and brought the book to her.

James Kettle v. Sarah Bishop.

The deposition of James Kettle aged twenty seven years or there about testysieth & saith that J was att Docter Grigs his house on the tenth of this instant may & there saw Elizebeth Hubbard in severall Fitts: and after her stits ware ouer she told me that she saw my two childdren Laying before

her & that thay cryd for vengeance & that Sarah Bishop bid her Look on them & said that she kiled them & and they were by her description much as they were when they ware put into there Cossins to be buried & and she told me that Sarah bishop told her that J was going to burn a kiln of potts & that she would break them if she could: & i took notice that while she was in her Fitts that she cried & held her apron before her face saying that she would not se them Docter Grigs & his wife and John hues ware thare present.

John Doritch v. Margaret Jacobs.

The testamany of John derech Eaged about sixteen years testisieth and Sayeth that marget Jacobs Came and assisted me this 5 of September as she hath many times before also teleth me that she will kill me if J woul not yield to hur she also bringeth the book to me tempen me to sot my hand to it she teleth me that i shall be wel if i will set my hand to the book she teleth me that she will run a scuer thoraw me and threteneth me to cut me with a knife beger than an ordnery knife is as she hath don wonse before.

John Porter & Lydia Porter v. Sarah Bibber.

The Testimony of John porter And Lidia porter These

The Testimony of John porter, who Testisieth and Sayth that Goodwife Biber som time liueing

amongst us J did observe her to be a woman of an unruly turbulent spirit; And shee would offten fall into strange fitts when shee was crost of her humor: Likewise Lidea porter Testifieth, that Goodwise Bibber and her husband would often quarrel & in their quarrels shee would call him, very bad names, and would have strange fitts when she was crost, And a woman of an unruly turbulent spirit And double tongued.

Joseph Fowler v. Sarah Bibber.

The testimony of Joseph fowler, who Testisseth that Goodman Bibber & his wife, Liued at my house And J did observe and take notice, that Goodwife Bibber was a woman who was uery idle in her calling, And uery much given to tatling & tale Bareing makeing mischief amongst her neighbors & uery much given to speak bad words and would call her husband bad names & was a woman of a uery turbulent unruly spirit.

Thomas Jacobs and Mary Jacobs v. Sarab Bibber.

The testymony of Thomas Jacob and mary his wife doth testysy and say that good bibbor now that is now counted assisted parson she did for a time surgin in our hous and good bibber wood be uery often spekeking against won and nother uery obsanely and thos things that were uery falls and wichshing uery bad wichchis and uery often and she wichs that wen hor chill fell into the reuer

that she had neuer pull hor child out and good bibber yous to wich ill wichches to horselse and hor children and allso to others: the nayborhud were she liueued amonkes after she bered hor fust housbon hes tolld us that this John bibber wise coud fall into fitts as often as she plesed.

Richd Walker v. Sarah Bibber.

The Testimony of Richard Walker who testifieth that Goodwife Bibber sometime Liueing neare to me, I did obserue to be a woman of an unruly turbulent spirit, And would often fall into strange sitts when anything cross her humor.

Clement Coldum v. Eliza Hubbard.

The deposition of Clement Coldum aged 60 years or y^r about saith, y^t on y^e 29th of May 1692. being at Salem Village carrying home Elizabeth Hubbard from y^e meeting behind me; she descred me to ride saster, I asked her why: she said y^e woods were sull of Deuils, & said y^e are there they be, but J could se none; then J put on my horse, & after J had rid a while, she told me I might ride softer, for we had outrid them, I asked her if she was not asraid of y^e Deuil, she answered me no, she could discourse with y^e Deuil as well as with me, further saith not; this I am ready to testisse on Oath if called thereto, as witness my hand:

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James Kettle v. Eliza Hubbard.

the testimony of James Cetel being of age who testifie and saith i being at docter grigses one a Sabath day about the last of may in 1692. having some discourse with Elizabeth hubberd and J sound her to speach severall untruths in denying the Sabath day and saying she had not ben to meting that day but had onely bean up to James houltons this J can testifie to if called: as witnes my hand James Ketle

Evidence of John Putnam & Rebecca Putnam.

the testemony of John putnam: Sen and rebecke his wife saith that our son in law John suller and our daster rebecke Shepard did both of them dy (a most uiolent death and did acting uery strangely at the time of ther death) farder saith that we did Gudg then that thay both diead of a malignant seuer and had no suspition of witchcrast of aney nether Can wee a cuse the priser at the bar of any such thing.

Evidence of Nath Ingersoll & Hanah Ingersoll.

The deposition of Nathaniell Ingersoll and Hannah his wife who testifie and say that we ware conversant with Benjamin Holton for aboue a week before he died and was acted in a very strange maner with most violent sittes acting much like to our poor bewichhed persons w wee thought they

would have died tho then we had no suspition of wichcrast amongst us and he died a most violent death with dreadful sitts and the Docter that was with him said he could not tell what his distember was and he died about Two days before Rebekah Sheepard

Jurat in Curia attest Steph, Sewall Cle.

Evidence of Benja Wilkins & John Wilkins & Nath Richardson.

The deposition of benjamin Wilkins aged 36 years and John Wilkins aged 36 years these deponents testisieth and say that Lidia Wilkins wisse of John Wilkins was well delivered with child and was well the next day after but the 2 day after shee was deleivered shee was taken with a violent seaver and flux as we supposed had in a little time the flux abated but the seaver continued till she died which was about sour dayes. Nath. Richison tells of a Nashway man yt speakes of a prosound sleep yt Willard was in

Evidence of Hannah Welch.

the depotion of hanah welch the wife of Phelup welch hannah walch eaged forty foer yers thus deponian testifieth and saith that J was with mr Salinston and capten eapes neer this land now in contreeuarce and they both of them agreed that the fence shud stand as it was and that we shud not transgrace of one side nor Jonathan hobs one

the other fide tel the line was run and the agreement that thay agreed tow was that if eather hade transgresed shud make satesfaction to the other and the reason of this agreement was, becaus hobs and we was allway contending.

Att an Inferior Court. Jurat

Robert Moulton v. Susannah Sheldon.

the testimony of Robart Moulton sener who testifieth and faith that I waching with Susannah Sheldon sence she was afflicted J heard her say that the witches halled her vpone her bely through the yearde like a fnacke and halled her ouer the stone walls & and presently J heard her Contradict her former discource and said that she came ouer the stone wall herselfe and J heard her say that she Rid vpone a poole to boston and she said the diuel caryed the poole. Robart Mouelton.

Samuel Nurs & Joseph Trumball saw Robert

Moulton fine this wrighting.

Expenses by Abra Perkins.

An Accompt of what was taken upon their Majesties accompt in the yeare 1692.

Jmpr by Geo. Herrick vndr Sheriff for himselfe & priseners viz: Jnº Jackson jun^r Jnº

Howard & Guard 00-08-00 To Entertainment for ye Consta-

bles and their prisoners from Hauerill

00-06-00

To Entertainement for ye Constables & prisoners from Glosester

00:04:00

To Hauerill Constable another time 00:02:00

00:00-10

By Abraham Perkins allow^d

Nath Ingerfolls Acct. v. Country.

March ye 1st 169½

Vppon a meeteing of ye Majestrates Mr Jno Hathorne and Jonathan Corwin Esqrs in an Jnquirere after witchcraft Expences upon ye Countrys Accot for Majestrates Marshalls Constables & Assistance at my House Vizt.

at my House Viz ^t .		
Jmp ^r To ye Majestrate Dinner & £	8.	d.
Drink	8	
To ye Marshalls 2 Constables & As-		
fistance & Victuals	3	
To 43d Cakes 6 qts Cider	2	
To 2 Constables at 2 qts of 3 ^d Cider		
one Cake		9
To Rum		9 6
To Majestrates Horses		6
To ye Marshall & Constable Herricks		
Horses		6
ye 3 ^d Instant ye Marshall Expences		6
ye Marshall & his horse 1 pott Sider		6
vpon examination of Goodwife Corry		
To ye Marshall for horses & drink		6
To ye Majestrates Horses drink and		
Entertainement	4	
vpon examination of goodwife Nurse.	•	
To ye Marshalls Horse Standing, Sup-		

per Lodging one night and drink for his		
attendance	3	6
To Constable Herrick & Drink &	3	
Cake		6
To ye Majestrates Drink & Enterta-	*	
ment and Horses wth ye Majestrates		
Horses	5	
Aprill 19: 1692.	J	
11pm 19. 1092.		
A further Accont in Examination of		
witchcraft at Salem Village before ye		
Worshipfull John Hathorne and Jona-		
than Corwin Esqr & Affist: for the		
County of Effex		
To ye Majestrates entertainemt &		
horses	6	
The 22 Majestrates Minesters & at-		
tendence diners	16	
The 22 for 8 Horses Hey and Otes	4	
May 2 ^d for Majestrates Entertainem ^t	4	
ffor Horses hey & Qates	2	
ffor ye Marshall & Assistance Victualls		
and Drink	4	
ditto 3 ^d ffor Drink for ye Guard upon	•	
ye Committed persons one night	3	0
ditto 3d ffor Victualls & Drink ye next	3	
morning for y Attendance Guard Com-		
mitted woman to Boston Goal by order		
of Mittimus	3	
ditto 3. for Oates for the Cart Horses	J	
& Marshalls Horse	I	
May 9th ffor conueyance mr Burrows		

Salem Witchcraft.		2	11
and other prisoners ffor Victualls for the Majestrates & tendance & Horses & whole charge at this Examination is May 18 & 19 dayes for Victuall & drink for ye Guard in watching J Wil-		16	
lard Tho: ffarrier & others		16	
Carried ouer to the other fide	5	4	9
•	lb.	S.	d.
Brought over from ye other fide	5		9
To drink for ye Majestrates & Vic-	,	•	
To drink for ye Majestrates & Victuals for attendance & Horses Pastering May 20 To Sider for Majestrates &		5	
attendance		.2	
21. Vitualls & Drink to Majestrates 23 ^d To Majestrats Horses Meat &		2	6
Attendance 24. To Attendance Supper & drink		3	
next morning		5	6
May ye 21—1692 vpon the Examina-		,	
tion of William Procter and severall			•
others to their Victualls Drink to ye			
Majestrates & and their attendance &			
Horse meat and victualls & drink to ye			
Attendance of the Prisoners July 15—1692 vpon an Examination	I	10	
to ye Majestrates Constables an others to attend ye prisen Meat Drink & Horse			
meat		15	
-			
•	£8	10	9

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Tho Manning Acct v. County.

Thomas Manning his Accompe of work by him for ye County of in yt yare 1692. tto mending & pouting one Rachalls	k dov	wn
fetters	1	6
tto John howward 1 pare of fetters tto John Jackshon sener 1 pare of	5	
	_	
fetters tto John Jackshon Juner 1 pear of	5	
fetters	5	
$\mathbf{allow}^{\mathbf{d}}$	16	6
Jsaac Little & John Harris acct v. Co	ounty.	•
The County of Essex is Dr 1692: for 18 pound of iron yt was prest from Jsack Little: Alle for seetters for ye pris-	S.	
iners at a 4 ^d a pound	6	
An account from John Harris sherife de sondry charges at ye Corts of ir an terminar Sallem in ye yere 1692.	held	at
	s.	d.
Jtt prefing a hores & man: to affift in carriing of Sary good from Jpswich		
goalle to Sallem	8	
Jtt forgoing to Sallem to carry a return of ye Juriars of ipswich & Rowly		
& Attending y ^t fiting	4	
	•	

Salem Witchcraft. 213 Jtt for a man & horse yt was prest to Remoue Sary good & chilld ffrom ipfwich to Sallem 6 7 Itt for pressing of hores & man to gard me with ye wife of John willes & ye widow pudeater from Jpswich to Salem my self & gard 6 Jtt for tending ye Court at ye fecond fiting Jtt for prouiding a Jury to make fearch upon Cori & his wife & Clenton Easty: hore: Clois: & mrs bradbury 4 Jtt. Tending ye Court on a Jurnment August ye 2d 1692 from Tuesday till Satterday 4 Jtt for expenc & Time to git 3 paire of feeters made for ye two Jacksons & · John howard 2 Itt for Remoueing of howard & ye two Jacksons & Joseph emmons from Jpswich Goall to Sallem & thare Tending ye Courts pleasure thre dayes till three of them was fent back to ipswich Goall by me which time of thre dayes for mysellsfe & exspend for Thos yt asfifted me in yt farues 6 for prefing of men & horses for This designe 2 Jtt. for bringing of mrs bradbury from

Salem Witchcraft.

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Sallem to ipswich goall & a man to affift me

2 18 6

as attest John Harris deputy sheref.

Att A Gen^{il} Sessions of ye peace holden at Jps-wich March 27: 94

This account is allowed provided it be not Jn-cluded in ye High Sheriffs acco.

attest St. Sewall Cler

Joseph Fuller acce v. County.

Joseph fuller as cunstable for ye yere 1692. for feafing of Rachall Clenton & being of har before Justis According to warrant for tending ye Court of oyer & terminer is o at Salem ten days 0 Cunstaball Choat for seaseing of goody penne & carreing of har to Sallem & and bring of hur back to Jpswich Goall from Sallem by uertu of a mittemas with one d. man to affiftance 9 for tending at ye Court of Oyer & turmener two weeks I 0 0 1692. James fuller & nathaniell fuller thre dayes a pefe at Salem being sumoned to giue evidence Against Rachell Clenton s. at ye Court of Oyer & Termina I 2 0

Death Warrants.

Warrant for execution of Sarah Good Rebecka

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Nurse, Eliz; How Susanna Martin & Sarah
Wildes On Tuesday 19 July 1692.
  Seuerall fent to Boston Goale on acct of witch-
craft Salem March 1d from Ex fent boston
    Sarah Osburne
                            Sarah Good
                 Titiba Indian
Martha Cory
                   Sarah Cloyce) Aprill 12th
Rebecha Nurce
                   Eliz. procter \ fent to Boston.
Dorothy Good
                   John procter
           Lydia Dasting wido of Rede
  May 2d
           Susanna Martin of Amesbr
           Dorcas Hoar of Beverley wido
            Sarah Murrell of Bevr
            Bethya Carter ) of Woburn
            Ann Seires
            Sarah Dasting
            George Burrows all fent to Boston.
  Salem May 12th J mittimas weh went May 13th
to Boston.
1. George Jacobs fenr
                       7. Sarah Wild
                       8. Mary Lt Nath put-
2. Giles Cory
3. Wm Hobs
                          nam's negro
                      9. Mary English
4. Edwd Bushop
          Bushop his > 10. Allice parker
5. Sarah
                      ) 11. Ann pudeater
  wife
6. Bridget Bushop alias
  Oliuer
               Jn Salem prison
     Easty
                          Margaret Jacobs
  Del<sup>r</sup> Hobs
                          Abigail Soames
  Abigail Hobs
                          Rebeca Jacobs
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Mary Warren Churchwell Sarah Buckley Mary Witheridge

Sarah procter

sent to Boston Wedensday the 18th May 1692.

Thomas ffarror Eliz: Hart

of Lyn.

John Willard of Salem Village

Roger Toothaker of bilrica.

sent to Boston munday the 23d 1692.

Mary Easty Susannah Rootes Abigaile Soames Mary Derich

Sarah Bassett

Benjamin procter

Eliz. Cary.

Sent to Salem Goale ye 23d May 1692. Sarah pease Sarah procter.

Reversal of Attainder October 17th 1711.

Province of the Massachusets Bay: Anno Regni Anna Reginæ Decimo.

An Act to reverse the attainders of George Bur-

roughs and others for Witchcraft

Forasmuch as in the year of our Lord one Thousand six hundred ninety two several Towns within this Province were Insested with a horrible Witchcrast or posession of devils; And at a Special Court of Oyer and Termina holden at Salem in the County of Essex in the same year 1692. George Burroughs of Wells, John Procter, George Jacobs, John Willard, Giles Core, and Martha his wife, Rebecca Nurse and Sarah Good all of Salem aforesaid Elizabeth How of Ipswich, Mary Eastey, Sarah

Wild and Abigail Hobbs all of Topsfield, Samuel Wardell, Mary Parker, Martha Carrier, Abigail Falkner, Anne Foster, Rebecca Eames, Mary Post and Mary Lacey all of Andover, Mary Bradbury of Salifbury, and Dorcas Hoar of Beverley Were severally Indicted convicted and attainted of Witchcrast, and some of them put to death. others lying still under the like sentance of the said Court, and liable to have the same Executed upon them.

The Influence and Energy of the Evil Spirits so great at that time acting in and upon those who were the principal accusers and Witnesses proceeding so far as to cause a Prosecution to be had of persons of known and good reputation, which caused a great disatisfaction and a stop to be put thereunto until theire Majesty's pleasure should be known therein: And upon a Representation thereof accordingly made her late Majesty Queen Mary the fecond of bleffed memory by Her Royal Letter given at her Court at Whitehall the fifteenth of April 1693. was Graciovily pleafed to approve the care and Circumspection therein; and to Will and require that in all proceedings agt persons accused for Witchcraft, or being possessed by the devil, the greatest Moderation and all due Circumspection be used, so far as the same may be without Impediment to the Ordinary course of Justice.

And some of the principal Accusers and Witnesses in those dark and severe prosecutions have fince discovered themselves to be persons of profligate and vicious conversation.

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Upon the humble Petition and fuit of several of the sd persons and of the children of others of them whose Parents were Executed. Be it Declared and Enacted by his Excellency the Governor Council and Representatives in General Court asfembled, and by the authority of the same That the several convictions Judgments and Attainders against the said George Borroughs, John Procter, George Yacob, John Willard, Giles Core and Martha Core, Rebecca Nurse, Sarah Good, Elizabeth How, Mary Easty, Sarah Wild, Abigail Hobbs, Samuel Wardell, Mary Parker, Martha Carrier, Abigail Falkner, Anne Foster, Rebecca Eames, Mary Post, Mary Lacey, Mary Bradbury, and Dorcas Hoar, and every of them Be and hereby are reversed made and declared to be null and void to all Intents, Constructions and purposes whatsoever, as if no fuch convictions Judgments, or Attainders had ever been had or given. And that no penalties or fforfeitures of Goods or Chattels be by the faid Judgments and attainders or either of them had or Incurrd. Any Law Usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding. And that no Sheriffe, Constable Goaler or other officer shall be Liable to any profecution in the Law for anything they then Legally did in the Execution of their respective offices.

Made and Pass'd by the Great and General Court or Assembly of Her Majestys Province of the Massachusets Bay in New England held at Boston the 17th day of october. 1711.

Whereas we the subscribers are Informed that His Excellency the Governour Honourable Council, and Generall assembly of this province have been pleased to hear our Supplication and answer our Prayer in passing an act in favour of us respecting our Reputations and Estates: Which we hum-

bly and gratefully acknowledge.

Samuel Wardwell

And inasmuch as it would be Chargeble and Troublesome for all or many of us to goe to Boston on this affair: Wherefore we have and do Authorize and Request our Trusty Friend the Worshipfull Stephen Sewall Esq: To procure us a Coppy of the said act and to doe what may be further proper and necessary for the reception of what is allowed us and to take and receive the same for us and to Transact any other thing referring to the Premises on our Behalfe that may be requisite or Convenient.

Essex. December 1711.

John Eames in behalfe Charles Burrough eldest of his mother Rebecfon ca Eames Iohn Barker Lawrence Lacy Abigael Faulkner Samuel Preston on behalf Abraham Foster ye fons of of his wife Sarah Pref-John Parker maryPar Samuel Ofgood on behalfe Joseph Parker ker deof his mother mary ceased. Ofgood John Marston Thomas Carrier . Nathaniel Dane Joseph Wilson John Frie

Mary Post

John Johnson in behalf John Wright Ebenezer Barker of his mother Rebec-Francis Johnson on beca Johnson & his half of his mother. fifter Brother & sister Eli- William Barker sen zabeth Gorge Jacob on behalfe of his father who fuf-Joseph Emerson on behalf of his wife martha Emfered erson of Hauerhill Thorndik Procter on behalfe of his father Ephraim Willds John Moulton on behalfe John Procter who of his wife Elizabeth **fuffered** the daughter of Giles Beniamin Procter fon of Coree who fuferd the abouesd Robert pease on behalfe Doarcas hoare of his wife willem town Annies King on behalf of Samuel nurs her mother Iacob estei Edward Bishop

By his Excellency the Gouernor

Whereas ye Generall Assembly in their last fession accepted ye report of their comitte appointed to consider of ye Damages sustained by Sundry persons prosecuted for witchcraft in ye year 1692 vizt

•	£.	8.	d.		£	8.	d.
To Elizabeth How	12	0	0	John Procter and			
George Jacobs	79		0	wife	150	0	0
Mary Eastey	20	0	0	Sarh Wild	14	0	0
Mary Parker	8	0	0	Mary Bradbury	20	0	0
George Burroughs	501	0	0	Abigail Faulkner	20	0	0.
Giles Cory & wife	21	0	0	Abigail Hobbs	10	0	0
Rebeccah Nurse	25	Q	0	Anne Foster	6	10	0
John Willard	20	0	0	Rebeccah Eames	10	0	0

The whole amounting vnto Five hundred fev-

enty eight poundes and Twelve shillings.

J doe by & with the advice and consent of her Maj^{tys} council hereby order you to pay ye above sum of fiue hundred seventy eight poundes & twelve shillings to Stephen Sewall Esqr who together with ye gentlemen of ye Comitte that Estimated and Reported ye said damages are desired & directed to distribute ye same in proportion as aboue to such of ye said persons as are Liuing and to those that legally represent them that are dead according as ye law directs and for which this shall be your Warrant.

Given under my hand at Boton the 17 Day of December 1711 J Dudley

To M^r Treasurer Taylor By order of y^e Gouer-no^r & Council Jsa Addington Secrty.

Whereas His Excellency the Governor and Generall court haue been pleased to grant to ye persons who were sufferers in ye year 1692 some considerable allowance towards restitution with respect to what they suffered in their Estates at that Sorrowfull time and haue alsoe appointed a Comitte viz. John Appleton Esqr Thomas Noyes Esqr John Burrel Esqr Nehemiah Jewet Esq. & Stephen

Sewall to distribute ye Same to and amongst ye parties concern'd as in & by ye records and Court orders May appear. Now Know yee that wee Subscribers herevnto being Either ye proper parties or such as represent them or have full power & authority from them to Receive their parts and shares of ye money afores and such of vs as have orders from some of ye parties concerned to receive their parts and shares doe avouch them to be real and good so that for whomsoever wee take vpon us to receive any such sum wee doe oblige ourselves to Idemnify ye said Comitte to all Jntents constructions & purposes, wee say Recieved this 19th day of February anno Domi 1711-12 & in ye Tenth year of

Abram How For Mary & Abigail			
How	4	14	0
Ephraim Roberdes for James Martha		-	
& Sarah How children of John How	4	14	0
Abraham A foster for mother	6	10	0
Abraham A foster for Mary lacey by			
order	8	10	0
Samuel wardei	36	15	0
Benia putnam for Sarah Good	30	0	0
William W Towne for wife widow			
of Willard	6	I 2	8
Jíaac Estey 2 9 0 for selfe John Ea	afty	2 9	0
for Mary post			
William Cleur II o o for	M.	Cari	er
John Ames ten poundes by ord. of	his 1	moth	er
on file		0 0	

Ephraim Wiles 14 0 0 Abigail Faulkner 20 0 0 John king for him-Yorry George Jacobs 46 00) selfe & sister Christopher X Read Anne X Andrews 23 00 8 70 79 0 0 John foster 1 130 | maried Eliz. Hoar. Charge Joana X Green Joseph Parker 8 o o Joseph Parker 8 14 0 Joseph Parker Received as on ye foregoing fide Samuel Nurs for himselfe & John Nurse & John Tarbeu Rebeccah Preston William Ruffell Martha Bowden & francis Nurs 21 14 0 Elizabeth x Richards alias Procter Benjam x Procter Ebenezer Bancraft for Martha Procter John procter william procter Thorndik Procter in behalfe of myselfe and Joseph procter and Abigill Procter and mary procter and fifter Elizabeth Very. Sarah Munion x alias Procter. Elizabeth x Procter. Charles Burrough for myselfe and for 4 Jeremiah Burrough and Rebeccah Fowle each of us Hanah Fox & Elizabeth Thomas John Appleton Recd for Go Burrough ye fum of ffore poundes & two shills. 23^d Abigail x Hoar 20 4 Rebeccah x Hoar

Feb 23. 1711 William & Hobbs for his fifter Abigail Hobbs 9 15 6 cha 4 6

Leonard Slue for selfe & fister Rachel 10 4d

Mary x Pittman alias How

Recd as aforefd

for George Abbott & Hanah his wife £ s. d. daughter of mary Easty 2 9 0

March 4, 1711 by y' written order forty nine shillings John farnum

March 5: Recd for myselfe forty nine shillings

2 9 0 Jacob esti.

March 6. 1711. Received for myselfe three poundes 4^s & 6^d for my owne share.

Hanah x Willard

March 6 Rec^d for our daughter Margaret Willard being vnder age three pounds four shillings 6^d William x Town Margaret x Towne wife of s^d W^m Town.

March 22 Received for my daughter Mary Burroughs four pounds 2^s in full for her share. Mary x Hall alias Burroughs

March 22, 1711-12 Received for myselfe Ten

poundes Mary x Hall alias Burroughs

Aprill 5 1712 Recd of Stephen Sewall as aforesd

6 9 0 John w Willard May 1. 1712. Recd on behalf of my wife De-

borah How Two pounds Seven Shilling in full.

Isaac Howe.

Rec^d for Benj. Nurse fifty four shillings & 6^d May 12, 1712. Samull nurs.

Rec^d for myself y^e subscriber & for my Bro^r in Law Peter Thomas in right of Elizabeth his wise & my sister Hanah sfox wise of m^r Jabez sfox & & Rebecca sowles four pounds Ten shillings.

George burrougs

Received for my bror Jeremiah Burroughs & myselfe Two pounds sine shillings.

Charles Burrough.

Newbury May 22^d, 1712. Rec^{ed} for & in behalfe of my wife Jane True & Mary Stanion daughters of Mary Bradbury & for John Buss & Eliza Buss Children of Elizabeth Buss ye Sum of nine poundes fifteen shillings p me Henry True

May 22^d 1712. Reced. for my Brethren & Sisters being fix of vs in number children of Judah Moodey one of ye daughters of ye afores Mary Bradbury Dec^d. thre pounds fiue shill^s

Caleb Moodey.

May 22^d 1712. Rec^d for my fifter Anne Állen & myselfe children of Wymond Bradbury Dec^d three pounds five Shillings

p me Wymond Bradbury.

Reced for my Two Brothers William Bradbury & Jacob Bradbury & myselfe Three pounds fiue shillings in full p me Thomas Bradbury.

July 27, 1712. Recd on ye acct aforesaid

Eleuen pounds five shillings for my part Recd in full

Samuel x Procter.

Sep^r 3^d 1712. Received for my brother Joshua & myselfe 4 18 0 which J ingage to produce his order for & send to S. Sewall. Benjamin Estie.

Sept 3^d. 1712. Rec^d for my sister Sarah Gills forty nine shillings which J promise to send her receipt for Beniamin Estie.

Rec^d for Joseph Estie & and by his written order forty nine shillings Nou² 28, 1712.

John Commings.

Receipts of ye relations &c of ye Sufferers in ye year 1692 taken February 19th 1711-12.

Mr Burroughs's family widow.

Charles Burroughs George Burroughs Jeremiah Burroughs Rebecca Fowle alias Burrougs Hanah Fox alias Burroughs Elizabeth Thomas, Mary Burroughs.

M¹⁸ Mary Bradbury's progeny.

Wymond Bradbury Decd has left Wymund, Anne. Judah Moodey Decd Caleb Moodey, Hana Moodey, Joshua Moody, Samuel Moody, Mary Hale. Judith Toppen. William Bradbury decd William Bradbury, Thomas Bradbury Jacob Bradbury

Mary Stanian Jane True

Elizabeth Buss Decd John Buss Elizabeth Buss. Families Interested in ye allowance following.

Children of Elizabeth How viz. daughters Mary How, Deborah How wife of Jia: How of Roxbury, Abigail How. Grandchildren James How, Martha How & Sarah How being ye children of her only son John How Decd.

William Hoar Decd left 3 daughters.

Dorcas Hoar family, Mary Burt widow. Elizabeth Read wife of Christopher Read 4 o o Annis King wife of John King 12 o o Johanna Green widow 1 o o Tabitha Slue Decd left two children Leonard Rachel. George Jacobs family George Jacobs only son 46 o o Anne Andrews 23 o o Margret Jacobs alias Foster for her goods taken away 8 7 o. The Charge 1 13

Mary Easty's family. Jsa Easty Joseph Easty John Easty Ben: Easty, Jacob Easty. Joshua Easty pd to Benj Sarah Gill daughter Hanah Abbot

of Andover

Rebeccah Nurse family, John Nurse Sarah Bowden Rebecah Preston, Samuel Nurse, Francis

Nurse, Mary Tarbel Elizabeth Russel.

John Procters family widow alias Richards Benj. Procter John Procter, Eliz. Verey, Martha Join Mary Procter Thorndick Procter William Procter Joseph Procter, Samuel Procter Sarah Procter Eliz. Procter Abigail Procter.

Mr. Sewall & Honrd friend

Sr Respects J mised, you's J received of yor son, bearing date ye 27th of this Jnstant moth & according to yor desire J have drawne out ye names & Sums (of ye Respective Sufferers) yt ye petition prayd for. 1st of those executed.

Salem Witchcraft.		2	29
Abigail Faulkner for her and her	·		
children prd p	20	0	0
Abigail Hobs william Hobs her Fa-			
ther prd p 10lb	10	0	0
Ann Foster. Abraham Foster her			
fon prd p	6	0	0
Rebeccah Eames prayes p	10	0	0
Dorcas King alias whore prd p	2 I	I 2	0
Mary post prayes p	8	14	0
Mary Lacy Lawrence her huf-	_		
band prd p	8	10	0
Elizabeth Procter & Elizabeth John-			
fon. J find their names amongst ye			
aboue condemned pffons & sum put			
to them. Psons Jmprisond & not Con-			
demned petitioned for Allowances for			
their Jmprisonment charges &c			
Sarah Buckley & Mary witredg for			
fo much they payd	15	0	0
John Johnson for Rebecca his wife			
& daughter	6	0	4
Capt Ofgoods wife Mary	5	7	4
Sarah Cole for hers	6	10	0
1 1	100	0	0
Jnº Barker p Mary Barker his			
daughters expences he pd for her	03	15	10
Robt peafe p his	13	3	0
Nath ¹ Dane p his	4	13	0
Jnº Fry p his	4	17	4
Joseph Wilson p his	4	15	4
Jnº Wright p his	0	4	0

Mercy Woodell ye wife of Jno			
Wright for	5	4	0
Jnº Barker prayes for his Brº Wn	1		
Barkers		II	0
Lawrence Lafy for his daughter Mary	3	0	4
Jnº Marston p his wife	2	14	4
Ebenezer Barker for his wife		7	
Francis Johnson for his wife then			
Sarah Hawks	5	4	0
Francis Johnson for his mother	7	12	0
& for his fister Elizabeth	3	00	0
Totall	796	18	0

besides m¹ English his demands left to ye Courts Consideration & determination Ips 28-9-1711. S¹ ye most humble servant NTH JEWIT.

To the Committee appointed by the Governour & Council for the distribution of the money allowed by ye Generall Court to ye Sufferers in the

year 1692.

Please to pay my part & proportion allowed me by the said court unto Deacon Benjamin Putnam whom J have desired to pay my part of the necessary charge, And his receipt shall be your full discharge. from your servant. W^m Good x his mark

Salem Vill. Janua. 21: 17

Whereas the Governour and Generall Court have been pleased to grant a Considerable sum towards Restitution to those who were Sufferers in ye year 1692, & and have appointed a Committe to distribute ye same amongst the persons concerned.

Wherefore in as much as J ye subscriber Married with Martha Procter one of ye daughters of John Procter late of Salem deced doe Request the gentlemen of ye committee to Deliver what part and proportion May belong to me on behalfe of my said wife unto Capt Ebenezar Bancroft of Lynn and his Receipt shall be your full discharge. from your Servt.

Nathanell Gowing

Janey 21st 1711.

To the Gentelmen of the Comittee appointed by the Governer and Councell to distribute the money allowed by the General Court to such as weare sufferers in the year 1692.

Please to pay and deliuer unto my brother Thorndik Procter the Sume allowed unto me and his receipt shall fully discharge you ffrom the same

February 18th 1711-12 Elizabeth Very.

Whereas we are Jnformed the Generall Couart hath a Pointed a Committee to distribute to the pearties Consearned what the sd Court heath alowed to make Reparation to such as weare sufferers in the yeare 1692. Whearfore wee doe defire and heareby order and Jmpower our brother Thorndik Procter to receive what shall bee alowed to each of ys and to give receit for the same which shall fully dischargue you thearof.

the x of abigaill Procter.

To ye Committey appointed by ye Generall Court to distribute what was allowed by ye sed Court towards restitution to ye relations of those whoe suffered in ye Sorrowfull times called ye Witchcrast times. pleas to pay and deliuer what share and proportion belongs to me on that score vnto my Brother m^r Samuel Nurse of Salem & his receipt shall be a full and sufficient discharge from your friend &c.

Beniamin Nurse.

May 8th anno Dom 1712.

Whereas we are Jnformed the Generall court hath apointed a Committe to distribute to the parties concearned what the s^d Court hath alowed to make Reparation to the Sufferers in the year 1692. Therefore wee doe desire and hereby Jmpour our Brother Samuel Nurse te receive what is alowed to us and to give receipt for the same

John Nurs willem rusel
John Farbell martha bouden
Rebaka preston francis nurs.

Whereas ye Gouernour & Generall Court have been Pleased to grant a considerable sum towards restitution to those who were Sufferers in ye year 1692: & have appointed a Committee to distribute

ye same amongst ye persons concerned.

Wherefore J ye subscriber (being then a Sufferer) doe request ye gentlemen of ye Comittee to Deliver what Part and Proportion may belong to me unto my father William Hobbs, or my brother William Hobbs (both of Topssield) and either of their receipts shall be your full discharge from your Servant.

Abigaill x Hobbs.

We whose names are hereunto Subscribed being requested by George Locker Deputy Sherife in

Effex by order and direction of ye Justices to appraize and vallue a Gun & a sword of John Bysh weh Gun we vallue and apprize to be worth 20³ & ye sword to be worth Ten shillings as witness our hands this 25th day of august 1716.

Abrm Punchard Phillh English jun.

Petition of Mr English.

To ye Comitte appointed to Distribute ye money allowed to the Sufferers in 1692

Gent I request ye favour of you to represent it to ye Genll Court what a great Sufferer I have been in my estate by reason of ye severe prosecution of me and my wise in that Dark time. It Cost me sifty pounds at Boston & we were forced to sly for our Lives at which time my estate was seized and Squandred away to a great Value and much of my provision vsed to Subsist ye numerous Company of prisoners In ye whole I am Exceedingly Demnisted ye most of my personal estate to ye Value of many hundreds of pounds taken from me & very little of it Restored againe I pray to Consider my Extraordinary Sufferings.

I am Gent yor humble Serva

an account of what John King and Annis his wife one of ye Daughters of Dorcas Hoare late of Beverly Deceased disbursed & expended on their aforesaid Mother dureing ye time of her imprisonment and Great Troubles in ye year 1692.

Imprimis. Subfistance for her 9 £ s. d. months when she was in Salem prison $9 \circ o$

tt a Journey to Boston and money		
carryed to her while in prison there	10	0
tt my Journey to Boston to carry		
her to Ipswich & Expence while there	15	Q
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a reprieve I	0	Q
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wich to Salem	5	0
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besides considerable cloathing & other things for her necessitys.

John king. Annis x King.

Andover feb y^c 26: 1711-12 honoured Sir thes are to dezier you to deliuer to y^c bearer hereof John Farnum the money y^t falleth to my share of what the Cort alowed to the sufferers in 92.

J being the daughter of Goodwife Estey of topsfeeld and now wife to George Abbut in Andover.

Geoge Abbut Hannah abbut

To the much honred mager sewall pray S^T be pleased for to pay to the barer hearof John cummings my part of the money that the generall court did geve to the sufferers in the yeare 1692. and his recit shall bee your descharge

Sr J understand that you have payd all of my brothers, and so J would pray you for to pay the barer heareof so J rast your friend and Saruent Joseph Esti. from Dorchestour november the 01 day 1712 as witnes my hand.

Salem ffeby 19th 1711-12 To the Honourd

Committy

The petition of Benjamin Procter humbly sheweth: That

1. for as much as J your petitioner was Jm prifoned for several monthes Jn the time they called witchcraft and was by that a great sufferer.

2. for as much as J was ye eldest son of my father & worked hard with my father: till J was about thirty years of age: and helped bring up all my father's children, by all his wives one after another.

3. for, as much as after my fathers death J your petitioner was at great cost and trouble in the disposition of my s^d fathers affairs as to relieving his s^d family some of them helples: with answering debts charges, legasies &c.

All which confidered your petitioner thinketh he deserves a greater share of this that ye country hath bin please to alow us then ye rest of our family doe: which J leave in consideration of your honrs and shall forever remain yor honrs most humble servt.

Benjamin Procter.

To the Gentlemen of the Committee appointed by the Governor and Council to distribute the money allowed by the General Court, to such as were Sussers in the year 1692.

Please to pay and deliuer into Joseph Parker of Andover the sum allowed unto me, and his Receipt shall fully discharge you from the same.

Andover January 7. 1711-12 Thomas Carrier

Know all whom it doth or may consarn that wee Mary and Abegill How both daughters of James How of Jpswich late deceast being informe that ye honered Generall Court hath a-Lowed som money for us in way of Restitution for ye damig wee sustained in ye yere 92 by that as was called witchcrast when our honoured mother was executed.

We pray your honours to fend us ye money alowed us, by our vncle Abraham How whom we have defired and employed to Receive ye fame for us. dated in Jpswich 22 of January 1711 or 12 as witnes our hands Mary x How Abigill x How

To the gent^m of the Committee to Distribute the money that the Generall Court allow^d to y^e Famleys of those that were Suffarers in the year of y^e witchcraft.

J request that you would deliver my p^r of the money unto Col. John Appleton and his Receipt shall be accept^d.

dated Jan 22: 1711. pr George burouhs.

Forasmuch as it is made Manisest that ye children of mr George Burroughs Deced. by his former wives did in ye time of his Jmprisonment administer vnto him Necessary things & were at considerable charge thereabout & for his Jnterment & that ye widow had most or all of ye personal estate.

In Confideration where of Wee ye Subscribers a committee appointed by ye Generall Court & consent agree & order that ye six pounds 6d money

yet remaing of ye fifty pounds allowed by ye Gouernment shall be payed to ye sd children in equal Shares.

January 3^d 1712.

John Appleton Stephen Sewall Thomas Noyes Neh. Jewett.

Boston New England Jan^r 16th 1711-12. Whereas we are Jnformed the Generall Court hath appointed a Committee To Distribute To the Partys Concern'd what the s^d court have Allow'd to Make Repare Ation to the sufferers Jn the yere 1692. wherefore we desier and hereby order and Jmpower Our Brother Charles Burrough—To Receive what is Allowed to each of us And his Receipt shall be a sufficient Discharge.

Peter Thomas Jabez Fox

Rebekah Fowle Jeremiah Burrough. Attelborow March the 14th 1711-12 Loving brother my Love Remembred vnto you hoping that you eare well as I am at this present I make bold to wright a few lins vnto you desiring you to be so kind vnto mee as to send mee that which is my wright and proper due from the Jeneral court I pray you to send it by my mother which will take som care about itt and Let me not be forgotten by you who am your Sister till deth.

Mary Burros.

Boston, Decemb¹ 16th 1712. To the Honourable Gentlemen Appointed for a Committee Relateing to the Affairs of Witchcraft Jn the yeare 1692.

Gentlemen. We the Subscribers and children

of mr Georg Burrough late of wells, who suffered att Salem in the Trouble there humbly offer for you Honours Consideration A few Lines Relateing our Case and Circomstances vpon Accot of our Mother in Laws Conduct and Carriage Towards us, after our Father was Apprehended and Taken away Our Mother in Law laide hands vpon all she could fecure (the Children were generally unable to shift for Themselves) and what she could lay hands on was her Own without any person but her own Daughr to share with her, whom she says was to bring up, but may it Plese your Honours to Consider there was seaven children more besides That were To bring up the eldest of which was but fixteen years old att that Time, but insteed of shareing in what our father Left and she had secur'd were Turn'd to shift for ourselves without anything for so much as a Remembrance of Our father Tho Som of us can Remember of Confiderable in the house, besides his Liberary which she fold and Recd the money for: then Lett it out at interest and was afterward Recd by another Husband: and not one farthing bestowed on any child but her Own. This being matter of fact we Humbly leave it with your honours to Consider wheather of what the Honourable Generall Court allow'd &c She have not already Recd To much and the Children To Little. We Subscribe ourselves your Honours Humble Sertts

rebaker fowl.

Charles Burrough

The mark Eliz Thomas hannah fox

Jerimi Burrough

Boston Aprill 3^d Honoured Sir the fauour which i would humbly ask of your hounour at this time is that you would please to let my brother George Burrough have what remains in your hands on the account of my deceased but Honnoured Father Mr George Burrough Sir my request is that it may be don without delay for every dissionarie on this melloncely subject doth but give a fresh wound to my bleeding hart but i desire to sit down in silence and remain, Sir your Honnours most obedeint seruant Rebekah Fowle.

To the Gentlemen ap-Boston April 8. 1713, pointed A Comittee Re- | Gentlemen we the fublateing to the affairs of scribers & children of Witchcraft &c m^{r} Georg Burrough who suffered in the late Troubles at Salem in the yere 1692. offer to your confideration the conduct of our Mother in Laue, affter the deth of our ffather—She made fure of all that there was of household Goods &c togather with our fathers Library which was off fom Value, faid Liberary was fold affterward & part of the money came afterward into the hands of a fecond Husband, but nothing thereof nor the household goods &c ever came into our hands we were Turn'd out into a wide world to Shift for ourselves haueing nothing to trust unto but Divine Providence and the Generosity of friends (not on the fide of our mother in Law) & fom of us fo young that we can give no accott of perticular Circomstances of the ffamily, nor Capeable any of us to give a perticular accot of the

wrong don us any ffurther then we are informed by others, but can assure you we never had the value of fixpence to Remember our ffather with when Dead and gon. And we cannot but observe to you that what the Honerable Court allowed when divided among ye Children according to the Direction of the same Amoutt to but about four pounds a piece, which we think but a poor recompense (setting aside the deth of our father) to make good Our due proportion of his substance which we were deprived of by means of his deth, besides the difficulties we were put unto & the Charge of bringing up of the Confideration of wt we relate which is matter of fact well known to many befides ourselves bee motive sufficient to Engage yor Confideration of us in what you have Stopt of the above mentioned grant of the Honerable Court we desier you to deliver what you see cause to allow us to our brother Georg Burrough, if what we offer be not worth of your Confideration or Argument Sufficient that we should have what Remains in your hands, we only defier the ffavour of a Speedy Answer: for the sum as we are Inform'd is so small that much trouble in the business will surmount it by ffarr should we be allowed itt at last: so that an information of your resolves in the business will Prove more of a ffavour then tedious Delays should you grant it at last. Not ffurther at present but Remaine to offer—We Remaine Geutlemen your humble Servtts Peter Thomas in behalf of my wife. Jabez Fox in behalf of my wife,

Salem May 11th 1713. Majeager Seuell Sir be pleased to let my brother Charles Burrough haue my part yt was Least

So you will oblige your humble Serveant.

Jeremiah Burrough.

To the Gentlemen of the Committee appointed by the Governor and Council to distribute the money allowed by the Generall Court to such as were sufferers in the year 1692.

Please to pay and deliver unto my son John Eames the sum allowed unto me and his receipt shall sully discharge you from the same January 7, 1711-12

rebeckah x Ames.

To the Gentlemen of the Committee appointed by the Governour and Council to distribute the money allowed by the Generall Court to such as were sufferers in the year 1692.

Please to pay and deliver unto Samuel Wardell our Eldest Brother, the sum allowed unto us, and his Receipt shall fully discharge you from the same.

Andover January 7. 1711-12.

William Wardell
John Right

Elizabeth wardell

Ezekiel Ofgood.

The children of Samuel Wardell deceased.

To the honourable the Gentleman of the Committee fitting at Salem Feb. 19. 1711-12

Whereas my mother Sarah Wardel was con-

demned by the court at Salem fometime in January in the year 1692, as I suppose will appear by the Records of the Ingalls at that Court, but her name is not inserted in the late Act of the Generall Court, for the taking of the Attainder of those that were condemned in that year, my mother being fince deceased. I thought it my duty to endeavour that her name may have the benefit of that Act. I therefore humbly pray your Honours to Represent this case to the Honourable Genll Court, that my mothers name may be inserted in the said Act. And whereas in the Account which J gaue to your Honors when you met at Salem the last winter, I mentioned only what was feized of my Father's estate, by the sherriffe, but gave no account of other charges which did arise from the imprisonment of my Father and mother, they having provided for their own subsistance while they were in. Prison, and I suppose there was something considerable payd to the keeper of the Prison, though I am not able now to give a particular account how If your honours please to allow me much it was. fomething upon that account, It will be thankfully acknowledged by, Your honours most humble Samuel wardel **fervant**

Feb. 19. 1711-12.

Whereas several of the neer Relations of us the subscribers suffered imprisonment at Salem in the year 1692. And we were put to great charges and expence to provide for them while they were in prison, and for Prison sees and court charges, which

we were forced to pay before we could obtain their Release. An account of which we have put into the Gentlemen of the Committee appointed by the Gen^{ll} Court, we do unanimously agree to make our supplication to the Gen^{ll} Court to consider the sufferings of our Relations, and the Dammage we then sustained and to allow us fu it, according to the accounts which we have given to the committee to aforesaid. And to that end we humbly request the worshipfull Stephen Sewall Esq to write a Petition for us to the General court at their next session.

Andover January 21. 1711-12

Nathaniel Dane John Johnson
Joseph willson John wright
Ebenezer Barker Samuel Osgood
ffrancis Johnson Sara parker.

To the Honourable the Gentlemen of the Com-

.mittee Sitting in Salem Feb. 19. 1711-12.

Whereas the Honouble Generall Court hath lately made an Act for taking off the Attainder of those that were condemned for witchcraft in the year 1692. J thought meet to Jnform your Honours that J was condemned by the Court at Salem in January in the year 1692, as will appear by the Records of the Tryalls at Said court, but my name is not inserted in said act. Being very desirous of the favour of that Act, am bold humbly to pray your Honours, to represent my case to the General court at their next Session, that my name may be inserted in that Act, if it may be, and that the Honourable court would please to allow me some

thing in confideration of my charges by reason of my long Jmprisonment, which will be thankfully acknowledged as a great favour.

by your Honours most humble servant.

Elizabeth Johnson jun^r

Andover Feb. 19, 1711-12.

To ye honourable Comittee Salem february 19th

1711-12

Jentlemen. Jn ye Darke & forrowful tims in ye yeare 1692 when so maney persons of undoubted Creditt were accused of witchcraste owr samelue as well as others was vnder grate truble and it coste vs veary considerable in owur nessarey Expencue for our Honoured and tender mother Duringe hir Imprisonment.

Wherefore requeste of your honours to manest itt to ye members of ye members of ye Jennarall Courte that we might have som reasonable allow-. ance for owr charge therein, which will ever

oblidge your Searvent To pray.

Peter Ofgood in ye name of ye reafte of ye

familey

Hampton March 24. 1711-12. Maior Sewall S^r this is to defier you to deliuer to my Brother Henry True for my vse that part of money that ye Genell Court have allotted to my wife as one of Capt Bradbury's Daughters & his receipt thereof shall be your discharge from your friends and servants.

John Stanyan Mary Stanyan.

To the Gentlemen of the Committee appointed

& the Governour and Council to distribute the money allowed by the Gen^{ll} court to such as were sufferers in the year 1692.

Please to pay and deliuer unto my Brother Joseph Parker the sum allowed unto us, and his receipt shall sully discharge you from the same. Andover January 7 1711-12 John Parker.

To the Gentlemen of the Committee appointed by the Governour and Council to distribute the money allowed by the Generall court to such as were sufferers in the year 1692.

Please to pay and deliuer vnto Joseph Parker of Andover the sum allowed vnto me, and his Receipt shall fully discharge you from the same Andover

January 7. 1711-12 Mary & post

To the Gentlemen of the Committee appointed by the Governour and Council to distribute the money allowed by the Generall court, to such as were Sufferers in the year 1692.

Please to pay and deliuer vnto my brother Thorndike Procter the sum allowed unto me, and his Receipt shall fully discharge you from the same. January 15. 1711-12 mary Procter.

To the Gentlemen of the Committee fitting at

Salem this 22 of January 1711-12.

Whereas I the Subscriber suffered Imprisonment at Salem, 17 weeks in the year 1692. And was put to great charges and Expences before I could obtain a Release. And not having an oppertunity to give your Honours an account of my charges dur-

ng my imprisonment, when others of my neighbours and fellow sufferers, put in their accounts: J haue thought meet to do it at this time, which is as followeth.

To the keeper of the Prison two pounds eight shillings & four pence.

For Court charges Thirty shillings & sour pence. For necessary Expences while J attended the Court one pound tour shillings.

Sarah Parker of Andover.

Maj^r Sewall please to pay to Leonard Slue the money Comeing to y^r humble Serv^t Feb 23. 1711-Rachel R Slue.

Mary Rich of Lynn widow in ye year 1692 was Imprisoned & lost he bed & pot & other household stuffe, in about halfe year.

At a Superior Court of Indicature holden at Salem for the County of Essex the 12th December by Adjournment from the last Tuesday in November past.

Ordered. Whereas there hath arisen a great Charge in holding the severall Courts of Oyer and Terminer in the County of Estex in the year 1692. the payment of part of w^{ch} hath been ordered by the Governour and Councill out of the publique Treasury and yet there remains due to severall persons for their service and disbursem^{ts} one hundred and thirty pounds in money whose Accots haue been examined and allowed by the Court the discharge of which properly belongs to said County This Court doth therefore order the Clerk theros

to fignifie and make known the same unto their Majest's Justices of the peace in said County. Who are directed at their next Generall Sessions of the peace to make an Assessment on the Jnhabitats of said County proportionally for the payment of the said summ And that by an Order they cause the same to be paid to the County Trear—and that he pay the said sum to the severall persons unto whom it is due according to the severall Accos herewith Transmitted.

Vera Copia Taken out of ye Record of sd Court. Attest. Jona Elasson Cler

An account of what is due to the severall persons hereafter named from the publique for their respective disbursemts and services according to their Accots Given in and & Examined by the Supercour Court holden at Salem by Adjournmt December ye 12th 1693.

Thomas Beadle Cr by his

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Sheriff £17 17 6

Due to Ballance £40 13 11

Samuel Beadle Cr by his

acco £21 0 0

Dr to what pd by the

Sheriff £10 0 0

£11 0 0

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& Jonathan Putnam 303 for	
their Extraordinary Seruice & Travell £ 2	_
Joseph Neal for his Service	0 0
and Travell £ 2	0 0
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ry & Thomas Putnam for	
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there amounting to the Summ of one hundred and thirty pounds Eleuen pence. W^m Stoughton ver Copia attest Jon² Elasson Cler.

County Estex Deto July 92.

Ittm. for making fouer payer of Iron ffetters and tow payer of hand Cuffs and putting them on to ye legs and hands of Goodwife Cloys estes Bromidg and Green all at one pound aluen shillings money £ s. d.

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March 28th 94 A making a letter B att

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This work was done by order from athority Requiring me thereunto

attest Robit Lord Smith.

deduct pd by ye Marshall 6s—rest is 26s allowd.

Mr Sewall Sr I thought good to returne you ye
names of severall Jsons yt were Condemned & Executed that not any person or relations Appeared in ye behalfe of for ye taking of ye Attainder or for other Expences, they I supposed were returned to ye Gen! Courts consideration for to act about according to their best prudence. Bridget Bishop alias Oliuer, susanna Martin, Alice parker, Ann pudeter, Welmot Read. Marget Scott.

Sr J am yrs Honors to Serue Neh Jewet.

To the Gentlemen of the Committee appointed by the Governour & Council to distribute the

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money allowed by the Genll Court to fuch as were

sufferers in the year 1692.

Please to pay and deliuer vnto Abraham Foster of Andover the sum allowed vnto me and his Receipt shall fully discharge you from the same

Andover January 7: 1711-12

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John Bradstreet for Witchcraft 7th mo 1652.

The Court held at Ipswich 28th (7) 1652.

26 John Broadstreet vpon his pr sentmt of the last court for suspition of haueing familiarity wth the devill upon examynation of the case they found he had tould a lye wch was a seconde being convicted once before. The court fets a fine of 20^s or Edw Coborne is furety for the else to be whipt. payments of the fine & fees of court.

Christopher Brown for witchcraft 24: 9 mo 1674. .

At a County Court held at Salem the 24: 9^{mo} 1674.

24 Christopher Browne haueing reported that he had beene trafing or discoursing with one whome he apprehending to be the Deuill. which came like a Gent in order to his binding himselfe to be a fervant to him, vpon his examination his discourse feeming inconfistant with truth &c: the court giueing him good councell & caution for the prsent dismis him.

Abel Powell for witchcraft March 30 1680.

The Court held at Ipswich the 30 of March 1680

30 In the case of Abell powell though the court do not see sufficient to charge surther yet find soe much suspition as that he pay the charges left to mr Jo: woodbridge.

W" Morse v. Abel Powell.

The testimony of W^m Morse w^{ch} fayth together with his wife, aged both about 65 yeeres. That Thursday night being the 27th day of Nor we heard a grate noyse without round the house of knocking the boards of the house, & as we conceived throwing of stones agt the house: whereupon myselse & wife lookt out, & saw nobody, & the boy all this time with vs: but we had stones & sticks throwne at vs that we were forced to retire into the house againe, afterwards we went to bed & the boy with us, & then the like noyes was vpon the roofe of the house.

- 2. The same night about midnight the doore being lockt when we went to bed, we heard a great hog in the house grunt & make a noyes, as we thought willing to gett out & that we might not be disturbed in or sleep I rose to lett him out & I found a hog in the house & the doore unlockt: the doore was firmely lockt when we went to bed.
- 3. The next morning, a stick of Links hanging in the chimney, they were throwne out of their

place, & we hanged them vp again & they were throwne downe againe and some into the fire.

- 4. The night following I had a great awle lying in the window, the wch awle we saw sall downe out of the chimney into the ashes by the fire. 5. After this I bid the boy putt the same awl into the cupboard wch we saw done, & the doore sht too: this same awle came presently downe the chimney againe in or sight & I tooke it vp myselfe againe the same night we saw a little Indian baskett that was in the lost before come downe the chimney againe, & I tooke the same basket & put a piece of brick into it, and the basket with the brick was gone, & came downe againe the third time with the brick in it, & went up againe the fourth time, & came down againe without the bricke: & the bricke came downe a little after.
- 6. The next day being Saturday, stones, sticks, & pieces of bricks came downe so that we could not quietly dresse or breakfast, and sticks of sire allso came downe at the same time.
- 7. That day in the afternoone my thread 4 times taken away and came downe ye chimney, againe, my awle & a gimblett wanting came downe the chimney: againe my leather taken away came downe the chimney: againe my nails being in the cover of a firkin taken away came downe the chimney. Againe the same night the door being lockt, a little before day hearing a hog in the house I rose and saw the hog to be mine. I let him out.

8. The next day being Sabath day, many stones & sticks & pieces of bricks came downe the chimney: on the munday mr Richardson & my brother being there, the frame in my cow house they saw very firm. I fent my boy out to skare the fowles from my hogs meat: he went to the bowhouse, & it fell downe my boy crying with the hurt of the fall: in the afternoone, the potts hanging ouer the fire did dash so vehemently one agt the other, we fett downe one that they might not dash to pieces: I saw the andiron leap into the pott & dance & leap out, & again leap in & dance & leap out againe, & leap on a table & there abide, & my wife faw the andiron on the table: allfo I faw the pott turne itt selfe over and throw downe all the water: againe we saw a tray with wooll leap vp & downe & throw the wooll out, & so many times & faw no body medle with it: againe a tub his hoop fly off of itselfe & the tub turne over & nobody neere it: againe the woollen wheele turned vpfide downe & stood vp on its end, & a spade sett on it: Steph Greenleafe saw it, & myfelfe & my wife, againe my rope tooles fell downe vpon the ground before my boy could take them, being fent for them, & the same thing of nailes tumbled downe from the loft into the ground, & nobody neere. Againe my wife & boy making the bed, the chest did open and shutt the bed cloathes could not be made to ly on the bed but fly off againe.

Againe Caleb Powell came in & being affected

to see or trouble did promise me & my wife that if we would be willing to lett him keep the boy we should see or selves that we should be neuer disturbed while he was gone with him, he had the boy & had bin quiet ever since.

Tho: Rogers, & George Hardy being at W^m Morse his house affirme that the earth in the chimney corner moued & scattered on them that Tho: Rogers was hitt with somewhat, Hardy with an Iron ladle as is supposed. Somewhat hitt W^m Morse a great blow: but it was so swift that they could not certainely tell what it was: but looking downe after they heard the noyse they saw a shooe. The boy was in the corner at the first, afterwards in the house. M^r Richardson on saturday testifyeth that a board slew agt his chaire & he heard a noyse in another roome, w^{ch} he supposed in all reason to be diabolicall.

Auth Morse affirmeth that he saw the bord before tackt with nailes to the window, but his evidence is drawne at large by himselfe. John Dole saw a pine stick of candlewood to fall downe, a stone, a firebrand, & these things he saw not what way they came till they fell downe by him.

The same affirmed by John Tucker the boy was in one corner, whom they saw & observed all the while & saw no motion in him Elizabeth Titcomb affirmeth that Powell sayd that he could find the witch by his learning if he had another scholler with him, this she sayeth were his expressions to the best of her memory Steph. Greenlease, & Edw

Richardson affirme the motion of the woll in the tray.

Jo. Tucker affirmeth that Powell fayd to him, he saw the boy throw the shooe while he was at prayer.

John Badgers oath is drawne out by itselfe.

Jo. Emerson affirmeth that Powell sayd he was brought vp vnder Norwood, and it was gudged by the people there, that Norwood studied the black Art.

A father testimony of Wm Morse and his wife.

We saw allso a rooler of bread turne over agt me & struck me not any being neere it, & so overturned. I saw a chaire standing in the house & not any body neere it did often bow towards me & fo rife vp againe. My wife allfo being in the chamber the chamber doore did violently fly together not any body being neere it. My wife going to make a bed the bed did moue to & fro not any body being neere it. J allso saw an Iron wedge & spade was flying out of the chamber on my wife & did not stricke her. My wife going into the Cellar a drum standing in the house did rowle over the doore of the Cellar & being taken vp againe the door did violently fly downe againe. My barnes doors 4 times vnpinned I know not how. I going to shutt my barne doore looking for the pin the boy being with me. (as I did judge) the pin coming downe out of the aire & did fall down neere to Againe Caleb Powell came in as before fayd & feeing or spirits very low by ye fense of or great

affliction began to bemoane or condition & fayd that he was troubled for or afflictions, & fayd that he had eyed this boy, & drawed neere to vs with great compassion. poore old man, poore old woman this boy is the occasion of your griefe, for he hath done these things, & hath caused his good old grandmother to be counted a Witch, then fayd I how can all these things be done by him, sayd he allthough he may not haue done all yett most of them, for this boy is a young rogue, a vile rogue, I haue watched him & see him do things as to come up Caleb Powell allso said he had vnder-& downe. standing in Astrology & Astronomy, & knew the working of spirits, some in one country, and some in another, & looking on the boy fayd you young rogue to begin so soone, Goodman Morse of you be willing to lett me haue this boy, I will vndertake you shall be free from any trouble of this kind while he is with me: I was very unwilling at the first & my wife, but by often vrging me til he told me whither, & what imploym^t & company he should goe, I did confent to it and this was before Jo: Bedger came & we have bin freed from any trouble of this kind euer fince that promise made on munday night last, to this time being friday in the afternoone then we heard a great noyse in the other roome oftentimes, but looking after it, could not fee anything. but afterwards looking into the roome, we saw a board hanged to the presse then we being by the fire, fitting in a chaire my chaire often would not stand still but ready to throw me backward often times: afterward my cap allmost taken off my head 3 times againe a great blow in my polle & and my catt did leap from me into the chimney corner presently after this cat was throwne at my wife: we faw the catt to be ours we put her out of the house & shutt the doore: presently the catt was throwed into the house: we went to goe to bed fuddenly my wife being with me in bed the lamp light by or fide my catt againe throwed at vs 5 times jumping away presently into the floore, & one of those times, a red wastcoat throwed on the bed, & the catt wrapped vp in it: againe the Lamp standing by vs on the chest, we sayd it should stand & burn burne out, but presently was beaten downe, & all the oyle shed, & we left in the darke: Againe a great noyse a great while very dreadfull: againe in the morning a great stone being 6 pound weight did remoue from place to place we saw it: two spoones throwed off the table, & presently the table throwed downe & being minded to write my ink horne was hid from me, wch I found couered with a rag, & my pen quite gone. I made a new pen & while I was writing one eare of corne hit me in the face, & fire sticks & stones & throwed at me, & my pen brought to me while I was writing with my new pin, my Ink horne taken away, and not knowing how to write any more, we looked vnder the table, & there found him, & fo I was able to write againe: againe my wife her hat taken from her head fitting by the fire by me Hha

the table allmost, throwne downe: againe my specticles throwne from the table, and throwne allmost into the fire by me & my wife & the boy: againe my booke of all my accounts throwne into the fire, & had bin burnt presently if I had not taken it vp: againe boards taken off a tub, and fett upright by themselves & my paper do what I could hardly keep it while I was writing this relation & things throwne at me while a wrighting presently before I could dry my writing a mormouth hatt rubbed along it but I held so fast that it did blott but some of it: my wife and I being much afraid that I should not preserve it for the publike vse did thinke best to lay it in the bible, & lay it safe that night, againe the next I would lay it there againe, but in the morning it was not there to be found the bag hanged downe empty, but after was found in a box alone againe while I was writing this morning, I was forced to forbeare writing any more I was fo disturbed with so many things constantly throwne at me. This relation brought in der 8th.

John Badger affirmeth that being at W^m Morse his house and heard Caleb Powell say, that he thought by Astrology, & I thinke he sayd by astronomy to with it he could find out whether or no there were diabolicall means vsed about the sayd Morse his trouble, & that the sayd Caleb, sayd he thought to try to find it out.

Sarah Hale v. Abel Powell.

The testimony of Sarah Halle about 33 yeeres, &

Joseph Mirick about 19 who affirme. That John Moores Boatswaine of the vessell wherein Joseph Dole was Capt & Caleb Powell was mate, hath often sayd in their hearing, that if there were any wizards he was sure that Caleb Powell was a wizard, wch he affirmed oftentimes in their house, Taken on oath Febr 27th 1679, before me Jo Woodbridge Commiss.

Anthony Morse v. Abel Powell.

I Anthony Mores occasionally being at my brothar's Mores hows my brothar showid me a pece of a brik which had feuerall tims come down the chimne: I fitting in the cornar I towke the pece of brik in my hand: with in a litell spas of tiem the pece of brik was gon from me, I knu not by what meaines Quickly after the pece of brik came down the Chimny: allfo in the chimny cornar I saw a hamar on the ground: that being no parson near the hamar itt was sodenly gone: by what meians I know not; but with in a litell spas aftar the hamar came down the chimny: and with in a littel spas of time aftar that came a pece of would down the chimny about a fute loung, and within a litell while aftar that came down a fiar brand the fiar being out: this was about ten dayes agoe.

newbury 8:9:79. Taken on oath Der 8th 1679 before me

Jos. Woodbridge Com.

Der 3: 1679: Caleb Powell being complained of for suspicion of working with the Devill to the molesting of W^m Morse & his family, was by warrant directed to the Constable brought in by him. The accusation & testimonyes were read, & the complaint respited till the munday following.

Der 8th 1679. Caleb Powell appeared according to order, & farther testimoney produced agthim by Wm Morse, wch being read and considered it was determined that the sayd Wm Morse should prosecute the case agt sayd Powell at the County Court to be held at Jpswich the last tuesday in march ensuing & in order heervnto. Wm Morse acknowledgeth himselfe indebted to the treasurer of the County of Essex, the full summ of 20. The condition of this obligation is that the sayd Wm Morse shall prosecute his complaint agt Caleb Powell at that Court.

Caleb Powell was delivered as a prisoner to Constable till he could find security of 201 for the answering of the sayd complaint or else he was to be carryed to prison.

Jo Woodbridge Commissr -

Mary Tucker v. Abel Powell.

The deposition of Mary Tucker aged about 20. She remembreth that Caleb Powell came into her house & sayd to this purpose that he coming to W^m Morse his house & the old man being at prayer, he thought not fitt to goe in but looked in at

the window, & he sayd he had broken the inchantm^t, for he saw the boy play tricks while he was at prayer, & mentioned some & and among the rest that he saw him to sling the shove at the sayd Morses head. Taken on oath march 29th 1680 before me.

Jo: Woodbridge Commissr

Mary Richardson confirmed the trueth of the aboue written testimony on oath at the same time.

John Badger v. Abel Powell.

John Badger afermeth that being at william morse his hous: and heard Calleb powell say that he thought, by Astroligie: and I think he said by astronmie too with it he could find out whither or no ther wear diabolicoll meanes used about the said mors his trouble and that the said Caleb said he thoug to try to find it out.

Vpon the hearing the complaint brought to this court agt Caleb Powell for sufpicion of working by the devill to the molesting of the family of Wm Morse of Newbery, though this court cannot find any euident ground of proceeding farther agt the sayd Caleb Powell, yett we determine that he hath given such such ground of suspicion of his so dealing, that we cannot so acquit him, but that he gustly deserves to bear his owne shame & the costs of the prosecution of the Complaint, refered to mr woodbridge to examine & determine wt the charges.

Complaint v. Margaret Read. 29: 4mo 1680.

At a County Court fitting in Salem, the 29: 4^{mo} 1680.

34 There being a complaint made by mr phillip Reade, against margarett Giffords to the court, vpon suspicion of witchcraft, and pr senting several papers & euidences against her, & affirming severall other things against her, which he saith he can produce evidence for this court hearing all that was presented & read as aforesaid. The Court sees cause to Injoyne the Margarett Gifford to appear at the next court at Jpswich, there to make further answer &c: & the said Read is injoyned then to prosecut against her, & bring in what euidence he has, or can procure to make good his complaint, & the whole case to be returned to the said court:

The court held th 28 of September 1680.

34 m^r Phillip Read appeared to Jsecute against m^{rs} margaret Gifford, but she being legelly called did not appeare.

55 mr Phillip Read appeared to precute against mrs Margrt Giffard vpon suspition of her being a witch, and severall testimony vpon oath were then brought But the said Giffard being orderly called to Answere did not appeare.

M. Pearson vs Burt. November I. 1669.

The Testimony of Maddlene Pearson aged fifty yeeres, or there abouts saith she heard Sarah Pearson

fay when her father had hur down to Goodwife Burt to be cuered of her fore foote ye first night shee was there ye said Burt put her to bed: and tould ye faid Sarah if shee would beeleve in her God, shee would cure her body and soule: But if shee tould of it, shee should be as a destracted body as long as shee lived, and further that her husband did not beleue in her God and should not be cured and that he maid did beleue in her God and was cuered: this shee said being in her right mind shee being shee being some time in good health the faid Burt faid to her Sarah will you Smok it and giueing of her the pipe she smoket it: and ye said Sarah feall into her fitts againe and faid that Goodwife Burt brought ye divill to her to tormeante her: further faith not.

Betbiab Carter vs. Burt.

The testymony of Bethiah Carter Aged 23 yeares or therabouts Testisyeth that she herd Sara townsan say when she was a mayd and liued with goodwife Burt that she said goodwife Burt told her is she could beliue in her god she would cure her body and soul and farther she sayd goodwife burt tould her she could not cure her owne husband because he would not belue in her god: but her mayd did beliue in her god and she was curd: this she herd Sara townsan say when she was in good helth and seve a while after this the said Sara townsan Being sorely afflickted with said sitts, crying out and Rayling

agaynst me sayin my father carryed me to boston But carryed her too Lin too an owld witch) and farther the s^d Sarah hath tould to me and others that she hath sen the s^d Burt apeare often at her beds seete and at divers other places in the Day and also at Night, this she hath often related as well in helth as in sicknes ffarther saith nott.

Phillip Reed vs. Burt.

Mr Phillip Rede Physistion aged 45 years or thereabouts testifyeth that he being sent for 3 seuerall times too se the above sd Sara townsan and her fister Carter: being both very il but espessially she sd Sara townsan being in a more sadder condittion he had noe oppertunyty, too examine her condittion but did playnly perceive there was noe naturall caus for fuch unnatural fitts but being fent for the 4th time and finding her in a meat capassity to give iufomation of her agreuanc and cause of her former fitts she tould me the abousd Burt had afflicted her and told her if euer she did relate it to any one she would afflict her wors one hower after she had a fadder fit than any euer she had afore: then i askt her whoe afflict her now and what the matter was she replide with a great scrich she had tould me alreddy and that she did now suffer with it much more not related at prient.

Witness my hand 15th 9^{mo} 69. Phillp Reade.

Thomas ffarar aged aboue fifty years faith that my daughter Sarah & my daughter Elizabh were in

former time forely afflicted and in their greatest extremity they would cry out & roare & say that they did see goody Burtt & say ther she is doe you not see her kill her ther she is & that they said seuerall times and I have a son now in extrem misery much as the former hath bin and the docter says he is bewiched to his vnderstanding.

John Pearson & Mary Burnop vs. Burt.

The Testimony of John Pearson aged about ninetene years and Mary Burnop aged about 26 yeres testifieth that Goodwif Burt coming into the Roome wheare Sarah Pearson was asked her how shee did: shee said the worse for her; the said Burt feat down, and laughed at ye faid Sarah shee coming towards her said doust thou laugh and knoweth thou heath don me a mischese I could find in my heart to baste thy sids the said Burt said doe if thou durst, and I will pay thy fids. further ye aboue faid John Pearson saith that he heard goodwife Burt aboue said did say that the aboue said Sarah should spake as much against her friends as eure She did against her. furthermore that the aboue said Mary Burnop saith she heard the abouefaid Sarah spake telling Bethyah Cerrter that her father had her to Bostown; but carryed me to Lin to an ould witch further faith not.

John Knight vs. Burt.

The testimony of John Knight about fourty

feaven yeares of age faith he was goinge to fetch fome things for his wife and he saw old goody burt coming out of a Swamp and she was in her smok sleeves and a blacke hancather and black cap of her head and he looked up and suddenly she was gone out of sight and I looked aboute and could not see her soe when I cam into the house I found her in the same habit as I saw her and he said vnto her did I not see you in the swamp even now and she sd noe I was in the house and he told her then shee was a light headed woman and further saith not.

Jacob Knight vs. Burt.

The testimonye of Jacob Knight aged about 24 or 25 yeares: I boarded in the house of Mr Cobit with my brother wormwood: in which house widdow Burt liuen at that tyme, my brother, & fister being gone to Bostone: there being noe fire in my brothers roome, I went into widdow Burts roome to Lite, my pipe, & tould her I had a paine in my head, & foe went into my Lodging roome: which was through five dores (& stooping downe to Loofe my shoee looking vpward there was widdow Burt with a glasse bottle in her her hand, & shee tould mee, there was sumething would doe my head good, or cure my head, & gaue mee the botle in my hand, & when I had drunke of it, I was worse in my head) but Concerning the five doeres I passed through into my Roome, I thinke they were all shutt after mee, but however ther is one fflore. yt must be passed over to come into my Roome, that was soe Loose yt it would make such a novse yt might, in an ordinarye waye he heard when any passed over it, but I heard nothing & her sudden being with mee put mee into affright, & soe remained while the next morneing though shee prientlye Left mee, & foe the next morning but one, I being to goe to Salem, intended to tell my fifter wormwood of it, before I went, but widdow Burt coming into my fifter wormwoods Roome, sd I hade a minde to saye something to my sister agt her y't I would not have her heare, & this was be fore I had faid any thing, & foe went out of the the house & then I tould my sister, and going to Salem, I saw a Catt, which being out of fight againe, I prientlye saw saw a dogg it being, Likewise prfentlye out of fight, I saw one before mee, Likeunto widdow Burt goeing before mee downe a hill as I was goeing vp it, & foe I lost fight of her, the night following I Lodged at my brother knights at Salem, I Looking out of the chamber, it being a cleare moone light night, I saw widdow Burt vppon a graye horse or mare in my brothers yard, or one in her shape, & soe I waked my Cozen John knight yt Lodged with mee, & tould him of it, then neither he, nor I, could see any thing, so when he was a fleep againe, shee appeared to me in the chamber, &. then I tooke vpp a piece of a barrell head & threw it at her, & as I think hit her on the brest: & then could see her noe more that tyme.

Essex ss. Clerk's office, October 22, 1859.

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